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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HIRAM WILLIAMS. GEO. COPELAND
HENRY W. HEATH.

School Committee.

E. B. HAYWARD	Term expires 1889
LINCOLN S. DRAKE	" " 1890.
WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN	" " 1891.

Road Commissioners.

JOHN O. DEAN	Term expires 1891.
LEAVITT L. BERRY	" " 1890.
THOMAS B. KEITH	" " 1889.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

DANIEL M. DAILEY.

Constables.

SAMUEL M. RENNIE. THOMAS B. KEITH.

Fence Viewers.

EDWARD D. WILLIAMS. EDWARD R. HAYWARD.
LEAVITT L. BERRY.

Measurers of Wood.

E. R. HAYWARD. JOEL S. DRAKE.
W. K. GOWARD. DANIEL M. DAILEY

Auditors.

GEO. W. KENNEDY. EDWARD N. MORSE.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

The following report of the financial condition of the town, Dec. 31, 1888, is respectfully submitted: —

VALUATION AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1888.

Value of real estate,	$1,315,184 00
" " personal estate,	2,375,987 00
Total,	$3,691,171 00
Increase of real estate,	$35,500 00
" " personal estate,	47,646 00
Total increase,	$83,146 00

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$4,950 00
County tax,	5,041 80
Schools,	10,068 30
Overlay,	679 91
Total tax,	$20,740 01

APPROPRIATIONS.

For schools,	$10,068 30
text-books and supplies,	1,000 00
school-house repairs,	400 00
" District No. 1,	2,950 00
Amount carried forward,	$14,418 30

Amount brought forward,	$14,418 30
For repairing roads,	3,000 00
road tools,	400 00
clearing roads of snow,	500 00
support of poor,	6,000 00
shade trees,	558 00
"History of Easton,"	2,150 00
hearse,	800 00
car fare of school children,	200 00
Memorial Day,	150 00
school yard, District No. 7,	400 00
water supply, " " "	250 00
H. T. Mitchell,	12 00
incidentals,	2,000 00
	$30,838 30

Rate of tax, $5 per $1,000.
Poll tax, $2.
Number of polls, 1,141.
" dwelling-houses taxed, 789.
" acres land taxed, 15,862.
" horses taxed, 483.
" cows " 449.
Total number of tax-payers, 1,541.
Number persons paying tax on property, 949.
" " " poll tax only, 592.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,
Assessors.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

INVENTORY AT ALMSHOUSE, DEC. 31, 1888.

20	tons English hay,	$400 00
10	" meadow "	100 00
1	horse,	150 00
2	oxen,	175 00
9	cows,	360 00
1	two-year-old,	30 00
1	yearling,	15 00
1	bull,	40 00
2	swine,	40 00
50	fowls,	25 00
1	bushel cracked corn,	53
70	" potatoes,	56 00
30	" turnips,	15 00
15	" onions,	15 00
50	" beets,	25 00
1	" rye,	1 00
34	pounds butter,	8 90
12	" fish,	72
4	barrels apples,	4 00
100	pounds pork,	11 00
3	tons coal,	19 50
600	gallons vinegar,	120 00
400	" cider,	48 00
	Soap,	3 25
	Amount carried forward,	$1,662 90

	Amount brought forward,	$1,662 90
	Squash,	1 50
2	pounds coffee,	60
2	" spice,	50
10	" tea,	5 00
6	" sugar,	50
15	" lard,	2 10
2	gallons molasses,	1 10
1	barrel flour,	8 00
$\frac{1}{3}$	" crackers,	1 00
	Ice chest,	10 00
	Sewing machine,	30 00
	Household furniture,	215 20
7	stoves,	20 00
	Beds and bedding,	296 70
	Table linen and towels,	9 00
	Crockery and glass ware,	40 48
	Knives, forks, and spoons,	8 88
	Tin ware,	51 23
	Wooden ware,	14 00
	Iron ware,	8 00
	Stone ware,	5 25
3	lanterns,	1 50
	Ox wagon,	35 00
	Farm wagon,	50 00
	Express wagon,	75 00
	Open buggy,	15 00
2	tip-carts,	40 00
	Pung,	5 00
	Horse rake,	10 00
	Ox sled,	15 00
	Mowing machine,	40 00
	Amount carried forward,	$2,678 44

	Amount brought forward,	$2,678 44
3	cultivators,	10 00
2	ploughs,	14 00
2	harrows,	9 00
2	harnesses,	30 00
2	horse blankets,	5 00
1	stone drag,	2 00
6	ox ties,	3 00
12	cow ties,	4 00
2	ox yokes,	15 00
14	feed boxes,	3 00
	Farming tools,	49 75
3	meat barrels,	1 50
10	flour barrels,	1 00
25	cider barrels,	20 00
6	ladders,	20 00
12	fire grenades,	10 00
12	rubber buckets,	6 00
	Steam heater,	551 60
		$3,433 29

RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Butter	sold,	$14 66
Milk	"	651 20
Eggs	"	105 14
Vegetables	"	5 74
Calves	"	41 28
Stock	"	61 62
Labor,		21 90
Board,		8 00
Wood sold,		163 95
	Amount carried forward,	$1,073 49

Amount brought forward,	$1,073 49
Meat sold,	4 10
Lumber "	5 50
Vinegar "	11 40
Sundries,	1 00
Hay, stock, etc., on hand Dec. 31, 1888,	3,433 29
	$4,528 78

EXPENDITURES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Groceries,	$192 16
Flour,	96 11
Grain,	444 35
Meat,	128 08
Fish,	16 67
Other provisions,	16 22
Clothing and bedding,	163 39
Boots and shoes,	30 02
Household utensils,	39 02
Labor,	370 22
Blacksmithing,	33 41
Farming tools,	61 61
Stock,	113 00
Coal,	26 66
Seed,	20 71
Repairs,	72 04
Medicine,	4 52
Soap,	8 50
Wood,	43 50
Oil,	4 27
Fertilizers,	35 00
Steam heater,	551 60
Sundries,	6 23
Amount carried forward,	$2,477 29

Amount brought forward,	$2,477 29
Warden's salary,	450 00
Hay, stock, etc., on hand, Dec. 31, 1887,	2,729 35
	$5,656 64
Expenditures of almshouse,	$5,656 64
Receipts of almshouse,	4,528 78
Balance against almshouse,	$1,127 86

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Name.	Age.	Weeks in Almshouse.
Timothy Creadon,	—	52
Matthew Welch,	—	52
C. F. Williams,	56	52
Charles M. Randall,	55	52
John E. Jackson,	21	4
Clarence E. Dickerman,	14	43
Barney McCourt,	11	46
Elsie French,	38	52
Ada M. Randall,	36	52
Samuel R. Clark,	76	49
James Ramsdell,	36	30
John Clapp,	31	2
Bernard H. Alger,	—	2
Whole number for year,		13
Males,		11
Females,		2
Average number for year,		$9\frac{20}{52}$
Discharged,		4
Now in Almshouse,		9
Average cost per week above income of farm,		$2.31
Number of tramps,		331
Estimated cost of tramps,		$66.20

EXPENSES OF POOR OUTSIDE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital: —		
For John W. Marshall,	$171 98	
" John P. O'Connell,	169 92	
" Daniel Blaisdell,	169 01	
" Albert W. Phillips,	169 92	
" Patrick Ready,	67 49	
" Frank E. Bailey,	7 89	
" William Mahoney,	81 21	
		$837 42
For Michael Coughlan and family,		
Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$169 92	
" City of Boston,	57 11	
		227 03
For C. W. Randall,		
Paid Elbridge Williams,	$78 00	
" O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	5 70	
		83 70
For John Sloan,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$41 99	
" J. O. Dean & Co.,	3 75	
		45 74
For Mrs. Patrick Reynolds,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$7 75	
" O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	60 00	
		$67 75
For Mrs. James O'Brien,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$7 25	
" Frank Middleton,	36 00	
		43 25
Amount carried forward,		$1,304 89

Amount brought forward,		$1,304 89
For Mrs. Bridget O'Connell,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$7 25	
" Frank Middleton,	36 00	
" E. R. Hayward,	3 00	
		46 25
For Mrs. Betsey Coney,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$33 37	
" O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	96 00	
		129 37
For Nathaniel B. Lincoln,		
Paid Robert Porter,		11 38
For Mrs. John Clapp,		
Paid Stoughton,		14 75
For Warren F. Smith's family,		
Paid Drake & Crooker,	$5 00	
" City of Brockton,	8 50	
		13 50
For Henry A. White and family,		
Paid Norton,		28 00
For Charles F. Lothrop and family,		
Paid W. H. Andrews,	$24 00	
" William E. Drake,	9 00	
		33 00
For Mrs. Susan Ripner,		
Paid Howard, Clark & Co.,	$18 00	
" D. M. Randall, M. D.,	2 00	
		20 00
For Howard W. Phillips,		
Paid George L. Kimball,		2 87
For Mrs. Charles W. Evans,		
Paid George L. Kimball,	$0 95	
" Leroy T. Evans,	38 00	
		38 95
Amount carried forward,		$1,642 96

Amount brought forward,		$1,642 96
For Constantine Kerley,		
Paid John Clonan,	$10 00	
" George G. Withington & Co.,	80	
" Charles Carr,	12 89	
" O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	5 50	
" Dr. J. J. Swan,	9 00	
		38 19
For Fred W. Fowler and family,		
Paid Randolph,		214 50
For Mrs. John Kerley,		
Paid Drake & Crooker,	$72 00	
" Hutchinson & Kimball,	35 50	
		107 50
For Lawrence Cronan,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$4 00	
" G. G. Withington & Co.,	3 45	
" Charles Carr,	53	
" Frank Middleton,	9 00	
" Dineen & Co.,	18 96	
		35 94
For Bridget Powers,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$28 00	
" A. B. Sladen,	20 00	
		48 00
For Mrs. Margaret Harrigan,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$28 00	
" A. B. Sladen,	20 00	
" Charles Carr,	12 00	
		60 00
For Mrs. M. J. Tirrell,		
Paid City of Salem,		25 00
Amount carried forward,		$2,172 09

Amount brought forward,		$2,172 09
For George Weis,		
Paid Roseanna O'Garro,	$14 15	
" Sarah Nolan,	10 00	
" Frank C. Wade,	6 00	
		30 15
For James D. Walker,		
Paid H. W. Heath,	$2 00	
" F. C. Wade,	1 00	
		3 00
For James H. Lewis,		
Paid H. W. Heath,	$12 64	
" F. C. Wade,	6 50	
		19 14
For James Ramsdell,		
Paid Mass. General Hospital,	$11 00	
" G. G. Withington & Co.,	4 10	
		15 10
For Michael Twomey,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$14 25	
" O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	19 00	
		33 25
For Mrs. Abby Ripley and family,		
Paid Plymouth,		47 00
For Hannah Murray and family,		
Paid City of Boston,		21 76
For Robert L. Watts' family,		
Paid City of Boston,		80 17
For Anna Fitzgibbon,		
Paid City of Boston,		13 00
For Mrs. John Morris and family,		
Paid Dan W. Heath,	$2 75	
" F. C. Wade,	66 56	
		69 31
Amount carried forward,		$2,503 97

Amount brought forward,		$2,503 97
For Patrick Cunningham,		
Paid City of Fall River,		8 00
For William S. Holmes,		
Paid City of Taunton,		47 81
For Mrs. Timothy Healey and family,		
Paid Thomas Sheehan,	$5 00	
" O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	72 00	
		77 00
For Frank Fountain,		
Paid Shaw & Rice,		30 00
For Mrs. James McGintee,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,	$6 00	
" J. O. Dean & Co.	1 80	
		7 80
For Mrs. Susan Bonney,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,		26 00
For William M. Blanchard,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,	$6 91	
" E. R. Hayward,	4 00	
" George Copeland,	4 00	
		14 91
For Azael O. Randall,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,	$37 45	
" H. W. Heath,	75	
		38 20
For Paschal Allen,		
Paid F. C. Wade,	$26 00	
" John O. Dean & Co.,	16 25	
		42 25
For Allen Brothers,		
Paid F. Wade,		52 00
Amount carried forward,		$2,847 94

Amount brought forward,		$2,847 94
For Thomas Tracy,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	$7 71	
" G. G. Withington & Co.,	50	
		8 21
For Mrs. Annie Reehill and family,		
Paid Frank Middleton,		120 00
For Paul Richardson,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	35 00	
" F. L. Ames,	18 36	
		53 36
For Mrs. Matthew Campion and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	$60 00	
" from treasury,	60 00	
		120 00
For Mrs. Anna McCready,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		21 00
For Mrs. David O'Connor and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		60 00
For Ellen Welch,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		36 00
For Matthias Connelly,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		36 00
For Jeremiah F. Riordan,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		4 00
Amount carried forward,		$3,306 51

Amount brought forward,		$3,306 51
For John Clonan,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$10 50	
" E. R. Hayward,	3 00	
		13 50
For John Bailey,		
Paid City of Brockton,		30 12
For Henry D. James family,		
Paid City of Brockton,		41 42
For Mary McCool and family,		
Paid City of Brockton,		78 00
For Patrick Degnan and family,		
Paid City of Brockton,		92 75
For Mrs. Susan Clark and family,		
Paid P. H. Pierce & Co.,		104 00
For E. W. Chamberlain,		
Paid East Bridgewater,		8 00
For Hiram Thayer and family,		
Paid Weymouth,		32 25
For Malinda Lincoln,		
Paid Boston,		4 00
For Barney McCourt,		
Paid Middleboro,		63 75
For Mrs. Francis McKenney,		
Paid Middleboro,		5 62

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS, AND STATE.

For Mrs. John Cary and child, Randolph,	
Paid Mrs. McDavitt,	$43 28
For Elbridge G. Lincoln, Taunton,	
Paid W. H. Andrews,	32 00
Amount carried forward,	$3,855 20

Amount brought forward,		$3,855 20
For Sylvina G. Beal, Hanson,		
Paid Laura Bailey,	$156 86	
" Dr. F. E. Tilden,	52 00	
		208 86
For A. P. Post, Foxboro,		
Paid James W. Dickerman,	$5 00	
" John Q. Dickerman,	8 00	
" E. R. Hayward,	4 50	
		17 50
For Mrs. Alfred Gibbs and family, Bourne,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$54 00	
" A. B. Sladen,	44 00	
		98 00
For Sally Henrys, Raynham,		
Paid F. C. Wade,	$52 00	
" H. W. Heath,	5 38	
" John O. Dean & Co.,	7 63	
		65 01
For Fred L. Williamson, Marshfield,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons Corporation,		7 58
For Victor Morrill, New Bedford,		
Paid J. C. Goward,		10 00
For Mrs. McVeigh, State,		
Paid O. C. R. R. Co.,	$4 08	
" Howes' express,	1 00	
" Hiram Williams,	4 45	
" J. C. Goward,	8 50	
" Frank Middleton,	6 50	
" G. G. Withington & Co.,	1 00	
		25 53
Amount carried forward,		$4,287 68

Amount brought forward,		$4,287 68
For Frank O'Keefe, State,		
Paid W. E. Drake,		1 50
For John M. Reynolds,		
Paid Frank Middleton,	$37 00	
" G. L. Kimball,	14 00	
" Thomas E. Williams,	5 00	
		56 00
Paid for poor outside almshouse,		$4,345 18
Balance against almshouse,		1,127 86
		$5,473 04
Appropriation by town for poor,	$6,000 00	
Received and due from other towns and State,	565 26	
		$6,565 26
Balance,		$1,092 22
Paid medical attendance on poor,		150 00
Unexpended,		$942 22

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,
Overseers of Poor.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN HALL.

Received for use of hall,		$30 00
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid Oreste G. Favor, for care of hall,	$14 60	
H. Y. Mitchell, for lamp chimneys, oil, etc.,	4 56	
		19 16
Unexpended,		$10 84

NEW HEARSE.

Appropriation,		$800 00
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid Geo. L. Brownell, for hearse,	$550 00	
Old Colony R. R., for transportation of hearse,	4 75	
Geo. L. Kimball, for harness,	28 00	
E. O. Noyes, for water-pot, sponge, chamois skin, feather duster, hooks, etc.,	5 37	
A. Mack, B. F. Macomber, and H. W. Heath, for stock and labor for new hearse house,	231 43	
		819 55
Excess of expenditure,		$19 55

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,		
Services as selectman, assessor, etc.,	$263 25	
Conveyance,	33 20	
Cash expenses,	8 94	
		$305 39
GEO. COPELAND,		
Services as selectman, assessor, etc.,	$163 25	
Conveyance,	24 38	
Cash expenses,	5 18	
		192 81
HENRY W. HEATH,		
Services as selectman, assessor, etc.,	$135 00	
Conveyance,	39 15	
Cash expenses,	2 25	
		176 40
GEO. G. WITHINGTON,		
Town clerk, treasurer, and registrar of voters,		200 00
A. MORTON HAYWARD,		
Services and expenses as registrar of voters,		34 00
GEO. A. LACKEY,		
Services and expenses as registrar of voters,		34 00
JULIUS D. ATWOOD,		
Services and expenses as registrar of voters,		29 00

Samuel M. Rennie,		
Services as constable,	$24 00	
Services as forest fireward,	8 75	
		$32 75
Daniel M. Dailey,		
Sealer of weights and measures,		25 00
Thomas B. Keith,		
Services as road commissioner,		97 00
Leavitt L. Berry,		
Services as road commissioner,		106 00
John O. Dean,		
Services as road commissioner,		79 75
Geo. B. Cogswell,		
Services as road commissioner,		15 00

We recommend the town to appropriate —

For schools,	$9,360 96
text-books and supplies,	1,000 00
school-house repairs,	400 00
support of poor,	6,000 00
roads,	2,000 00
clearing roads of snow,	500 00
car fare of children,	250 00
town officers' bills,	1,400 00
superintendent of schools,	1,000 00
incidentals,	1,000 00
discount on taxes,	1,000 00

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEORGE COPELAND,
H. W. HEATH,
Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS.

As made out by the Selectmen.

Cyrus Alger.
Henry D. Buck.
James M. Belcher.
Edgar F. Belcher.
William H. Corley.
Jeremiah Culinane.
Thomas H. Dean.
Joel S. Drake.
Daniel J. Dineen.
Willis B. Drew.
Philander W. Fecto.
Willard K. Goward.
Norman A. Ghen.
Edwin A. Gilmore.
Edwin D. Howard.
William C. Howard.
Edward R. Hayward.
William J. Heelon.
George F. King.
Francis G. Keith.
James H. Leach.
Isaac L. Miller.
Edward F. Manning.
Henry D. Newton.
Alfred F. Pratt.
Frederick Packard.
Irving Packard.
Horace D. Purington.
John M. Pool.
Benjamin A. Russell.
E. William Randall.
George J. Rollins.
James Rankin.
William F. Staples.
Elijah Smith.
George W. Sylvester.
Maurice D. Schindler.
John Welch.
George E. Williams.
William M. Wills.
J. Warren Willis.
Henry P. Waite.

JURORS DRAWN IN 1888.

Julius D. Atwood.
Horace H. Alger.
Levi Fitton.
Edwin T. Goward.
Samuel W. Gardner.
Andrew N. Grady.
Miranda Howard.
Daniel C. Lillie.
Thomas R. Marshall.
Michael F. Reynolds.
Hiram Williams.
William F. White.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1888.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 1	—— Watts	F.	Charles and Flora.
" 4	Margaret Riley	F.	Michael and Hannah.
" 12	Daniel Joseph Spillane .	M.	James and Mary.
" 13	Roy Loring Hayward . .	M.	Edward B. and Mary A.
" 16	Henry Edward Riordan .	M.	Timothy H. and Mary A.
" 20	Chester Emory Leonard .	M.	Emory and Elizabeth.
" 23	Emma Louise Howard . .	F.	Roger S. and Mandana.
" 25	Clarence Johnson . . .	M	Charles and Karlina.
" 27	Kenneth Judson Lunn . .	M.	Linnæus W. and Ada E.
" 29	Ruth I. Carr	F.	George H. and Jerusha H.
" 30	Margaret Burke	F.	Richard and Anna.
Feb. 14	Anna Maria Sullivan . .	F.	Patrick and Hannah.
" 15	Mary E. Maliff	F.	Frederic and Kate.
" 17	William Francis Travers .	M.	Owen and Mary A.
" 22	Oscar Nilsson	M.	Charles and Amelia.
" 28	Henry Hanson	M.	Oliver and Ellen.
Mar. 1	John Joseph Clonan . . .	M.	John J. and Kate.
" 3	Ethel May Silsby . . .	F.	Geno L. and Flora L.
" 6	—— Vaughan	F.	John and Catherine.
" 16	Johanna O'Connor . . .	F.	Michael and Nora.
" 17	Joseph Patrick Lynch . .	M.	Cornelius and Mary.
" 17	Mary J. Bryson	F.	James D. and Mary.
" 19	Olga Ellevina Abrahamson	F.	Edward and Anna.
" 19	Elmer V. Anderson . . .	M.	August and Lottie.
" 28	James Clifford Gooch . .	M.	Alfonzo F. and Mary E.
" 31	Winona Coppleston . . .	F.	Isaac A. and Celia.
Apr. 5	Marta E. Swanson . . .	F.	Charles and Anna.
" 7	Thomas Connell	M.	Dennis and Elizabeth.
" 9	Cleon Ernest Smith . . .	M.	Charles H. and Ida G.
" 9	Selina A. Simpson . . .	F.	Philip and Mary.
" 17	Frank Albin Anderson . .	M.	Charles and Anna B.
" 23	Anna Newell Marshall . .	F.	John B. and Mary F.
" 29	Mary Emilia Williams . .	F.	George E. and Luthera H.
" 29	Lilly Caroline Conn . . .	F.	Fergus and Mary Jane.
May 3	Mary Margaret Harlow .	F.	Hugh and Mary A.
" 4	Ruth Harriet Simpson . .	F.	Charles D. and Mary J.
" 21	Rutherford Ghen	M.	George W. and Emma J.
" 23	Frank Saunders Geddes .	M.	George G. and Isabella I.
" 25	James D. Canan	M.	Anthony and Mary.
" 25	Fanny L. Cunningham . .	F.	John and Mary.
" 30	Gertrude May	F.	William E. and Rilla.
June 1	—— Smith	M.	Wm. H. and Henrietta.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1888.— *Continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
June 6	Joseph E. Anderson . .	M.	Elias and Anna S.
" 15	Doris Lilian King . . .	F.	Henry W. and Della F.
" 16	Alice Catherine Slattery .	F.	Edmund and Margaret.
" 25	Charles Hassall Fisher . .	M.	Frank T. and Mary E.
" 28	Ellen E. Gustafson . . .	F.	Nils and Augusta.
July 1	Ethel M. Wales	F.	Louis and Etta.
" 12	——— Johnson	M.	Andrew and Clara.
" 18	Tilly E. Lawson	F.	Charles and Christine.
" 29	Elbert E. Taylor	M.	Frank and Ada H.
" 31	Clyde S. Webster . . .	M.	Clinton B. and Mary A.
Aug. 4	Gladys Harriet Wells . .	F.	John M. and Harriet I.
" 6	Chas. Edward Riordan . .	M.	Jeremiah and Kate.
" 15	Mary Ann Laird	F.	George and Anna.
" 16	Justin Lester Keith . . .	M.	George E. and Emmaletta
" 16	Franklin McNabb . . .	M.	Edward and Margaret.
" 23	Nora May Manchester . .	F.	John and Catherine.
" 23	Frank Allen Sackett . .	M.	John A. and Nettie.
" 24	Helen M. Crockett . . .	F.	Lorenzo B. and Emily P.
Sept. 4	Bridget Buckley	F.	Cornelius and Margaret.
" 5	Susanna Middleton . . .	F.	Frank and Josephine.
" 8	——— Littlefield	F.	F. Burton and Rhoda.
" 8	John Edw. Flannagan . .	M.	Matthew and Mary A.
" 8	Johanna Riordan	F.	Merton and Margaret.
" 13	Benj. Carlton Willis . .	M.	James W. and Clorinda.
" 18	Harold Raymond Trow .	M.	Charles H. and Margaret.
" 24	Susan Burns	F.	James and Bridget.
" 28	Eurydice J. Wells . . .	F.	Orion W. and Alice A.
Oct. 6	James Downey	M.	Thomas and Ellen.
" 12	Shirley Newcomb Ellis .	M.	Amos and Octavia.
" 14	Florence E. Holmes . . .	F.	John D. and Florence N.
" 15	——— Diamond	M.	Patrick and Elizabeth.
" 19	Edward McKenna . . .	M.	Owen and Allen.
" 22	Harold M. Watts	M.	Elmer E. and Jennie M.
" 26	Ida Victoria Lundgrën .	F.	Alfred and Julia.
" 26	Bessie May Hanscom . .	F.	Charles W. and Susan L.
" 27	Edward N. Larsson . . .	M.	Augustus and Anna B.
Nov. 8	John Joseph Nagle . . .	M.	Patrick and Anna M.
" 10	Edith Blanche Tucker . .	F.	Edgar and Eliza.
" 13	Ernst Rupert Olssen . .	M.	Martin and Matilda.
" 18	Arthur Tromblay . . .	M.	Theodore and Melvina.
" 30	Ethel Louise Darling . .	F.	Lucius and Jennie.
Dec. 13	——— Williams	F.	Henry M. and Lucy A.
" 15	——— Ebbs	F.	Edward and Mary.
" 16	Harry Gottfried Pierson .	M.	Nils and Sarah.
" 17	——— Lunn	F.	Linnæus W. and Ada E.
" 21	Eben Eddy	M.	Eben and Sarah.
" 29	Mary M. Currivan . . .	F.	Thomas and Kate.
" 30	Mary Angela Reed . . .	F.	Joseph and Sarah A.
Mh 6,'87	Clara Isabel Gardner . .	F.	Ira F. and Ellen.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1888.

Date.	Names and Residences.
Jan. 15.	Alfred Lundgren and Julia Levindahl, both of Easton.
Feb. 4.	N. Albert Hall and Ada G. Le Lacheur, both of Brockton.
Mc'h. 25.	Frank C. Taylor, of Easton, and Ada H. Leonard, of Raynham.
Apr. 16.	Henry Holmes and Hannah Hanrahan, both of Easton.
" 16.	George Bailey, of Stoughton, and Abbie M. Webster, of Easton.
" 18.	William B. Sprague, of Bridgewater, and Mary M. Leonard, of Easton.
May 1.	Elbridge G. Packard and Fidelia W. Clapp, both of Holbrook.
" 16.	James P. Barlow, of Easton, and Margaret Brown, of Brockton.
" 23.	Michael F. Lally and Jennie St. Peter, both of Easton.
" 26.	David Sandgren and Hermina Emale, both of Easton.
" 29.	Clarence R. Manchester and Etta F. Phillips, both of Easton.
June 18.	John F. Randall, of Easton, and Lora Hodges, of Brockton.
" 19.	Joseph G. Martin, of Easton, and Laura G. Higgins, of Taunton.
" 21.	John B. Jackson and Katie M. Egan, both of Bridgewater.
" 27.	Daniel Shannon, of Easton, and Ellen Kerwin, of Foxboro.
" 28.	Minot J. Lincoln, of Raynham, and Helen S. Andrews, of Easton.
July 1.	Herbert E. Evans, of Easton, and Minnie F. Bumpus, of Wareham.
" 2.	Elmer E. Monk, of Easton, and Susan Riley, of Brockton.
Aug. 1.	James B. Manning, of Easton, and Catherine F. Flavin, of Mansfield.
" 2.	Joseph Tracey and Ellen W. Proctor, both of Easton.
" 26.	John E. Collins, of Easton, and Margaret T. Sullivan, of Boston.
Sept. 1.	Gustaf A. Dahlborg and Christina M. Johnson, both of Easton.
" 4.	Frank H. Maliff and Hannah M. Sheehan, both of Easton.
" 12.	Richard H. Harte, of Philadelphia, and Maria H. Ames, of Easton.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED. — *Continued.*

DATE.	NAMES AND RESIDENCES.
Sept. 13.	George G. Hayes and Mary C. Farrell, both of Easton.
" 16.	George H. Lothrop, of W. Bridgewater, and B. Alice Bosworth, of Easton.
Oct. 7.	George Burns and Myra E. Pierce, both of Easton.
" 25.	James W. Hammond and Nettie R. Drew, both of Easton.
Nov. 6.	Wilmot Bassett, of Taunton, and Myra A. Stone, of Easton.
" 6.	David F. Cooke, of Newton Centre, and Kate A. McAdrum, of Sidney, N. S.
" 14.	Michael F. Malloy and Lizzie F. Quinn, both of Easton.
" 22.	Jeremiah Burke and Mary A. Beirnes, both of Easton.
" 22.	Romeo A. Fobes and Ella A. Wade, both of Easton.
" 27.	Patrick O. Murphy and Julia A. Long, both of Easton.
" 28.	Gardner A. Allen, of Brockton, and Josephine M. Damiens, of Easton.
" 29.	Andrew E. Anderson and Ida Fogleberry, both of Easton.
" 29.	Timothy J. Cramer and May Watts, both of Easton.
Dec. 23.	Charles F. Marshall and Virgie S. Keith, both of Easton.
" 29.	August Anderson and Beda Benztson, both of Brockton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1888.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Jan. 28	Daniel J. Spillane	..	..	17	Convulsions.
" 29	John Morris	29	2	..	Pneumonia.
Feb. 4	Arthur H. Drake	8	..	..	Spinal Meningitis.
" 5	David Parrott	40	..	..	Alcohol poisoning.
" 5	Walter Henshaw	66	10	15	Pneumonia.
" 6	Samuel Packard	65	..	..	Pneumonia.
" 7	Timothy Remick	77	10	8	Pneumonia.
" 8	Albert Packard	74	..	..	Pneumonia
" 12	Winfield S. Sweet	..	..	4	Inanition.
" 19	Flora A. Hill	29	11	22	Consumption.
" 21	Ellen Tracy	26	2	..	Consumption.
" 23	Amanda V. Dahl	6	10	8	Pneumonia.
" 26	Alson Gilmore	89	8	27	Old Age.
" 28	Henrietta W. Gilmore	84	6	..	Acute Catarrh of Lungs
" 29	Margaret Kent	28	..	..	Rheumatic Fever.
Mar. 2	Emma P. Post	29	4	20	Cancer.
" 7	Mary Cunningham	49	..	..	Consumption.
" 9	Joseph Billings	83	..	1	Senile Debility.
" 15	Clarence M. Tinkham	4	11	1	Typhoid Fever.
" 20	Mary H. Beals	73	2	24	Chronic Bronchitis.
" 24	Hiram Drake	69	9	3	General Debility.
" 24	Charles L. Britton	77	..	13	Organic Dis. of Heart.
" 25	Lottie E. Blanchard	13	9	25	Chronic Nephritis.
" 30	Mary Hefferman	71	..	..	Œdema of Lungs.
Apr. 1	James E. Snow	24	11	10	Pneumonia.
" 25	Granville A. Hayward	37	..	..	Heart Disease.
" 29	Mary T. Mulligan	33	1	1	Consumption.
May 1	John J. Clonan	..	2	..	Convulsions.
" 5	Marta E. Swanson	..	..	27	Pneumonia.
" 15	James McGinty	21	7	21	Consumption.
" 19	Patrick Cunningham	48	..	..	Pneumonia.
" 23	Mary Fitzpatrick	82	11	28	Senile Bronchitis.
" 25	John Thomas Skelley	..	5	..	Convulsions.
" 28	Wallace H. Helenius	1	8	2	Meningitis.
June 6	Joseph E. McMenamy	3	11	12	Whooping Cough.
" 13	Jacob Leising	44	8	28	Consumption.
" 18	Susan A. Berry	51	5	10	Paralysis.
" 19	Fidorianna Copeland	86	2	19	Bronchitis.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1888. — *Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
June 30	Pardon A. Gifford	51	6	21	Bright's Disease.
July 5	James E. Simpson	28	..	..	Phthisis Pulm.
" 11	Thomas Murray	3	9	16	Convulsions.
" 12	Levina Nelson	55	3	26	Tumor.
" 24	Asahel Smith	73	11	30	Apoplexy.
Aug. 4	Ernst R. Anderson	..	5	..	Cholera Infantum.
" 8	Joseph B. Lothrop	78	8	24	Hypertrophy of Heart.
" 20	Bridget Middleton	81	6	18	Old Age.
" 21	Alice M. White	28	2	12	Typhoid Fever.
" 23	Pauline Bird	20	3	4	Cerebral Apoplexy.
" 29	Joseph Towne	84	10	16	Disease of Prostate.
" 31	Geo. W. Hayward	1	10	6	Dysentery.
Sept. 1	Joseph C. Batchelder	75	4	29	Diarrhœa.
" 8	—— Littlefield	..	..	..	Asphyxia.
" 9	Elbridge O. Thomas	..	4	21	Cholera Infantum.
" 20	Percy E. Swift	..	2	27	Marasmus.
" 27	Ellen O'Connell	72	..	..	Dropsy.
Oct. 2	Elizabeth F. Drake	62	11	19	Hæmatemesis.
" 9	John M. Devlin	37	..	..	Heart Disease.
" 23	Adella E. J. Gooch	14	7	..	Rheumatic Fever.
" 24	Clara B. Pope	34	9	26	Consumption.
" 25	Amos C. Wade	46	8	14	Heart Disease.
Nov. 12	Eilen T. Hennessey	15	2	6	Typhoid Fever.
" 26	Mary A. Stone	82	1	9	Senile Debility.
" 27	Simon Cropper	61	6	1	Tuberculosis.
" 29	Catherine Conroy	58	..	..	Cancer.
Dec. 6.	Isaac Webster	85	5	11	Old Age.
" 21	Nancy L. Pittsley	54	4	..	Consumption.
" 24	Daniel McDonald	9	5	4	Spinal Disease.
Sept.	Lawrence Cronan	75	..	..	

SUMMARY.

Births		90	
Both parents of native birth,			41
Both parents of foreign birth,			35
Sweden,	15		
Ireland,	14		
Scotland,	2		
Provinces,	2		
Africa and Ireland,	1		
Provinces and Ireland,	1		
Father only of foreign birth,			5
Ireland,	3		
England,	1		
Provinces,	1		
Mother only of foreign birth,			9
Provinces,	4		
Ireland,	3		
England,	1		
Scotland,	1		
Marriages		39	
Both of native birth,			25
Both of foreign birth,			6
Sweden,	5		
Sweden and Ireland,	1		
Native and foreign birth,			8
Ireland,	3		
England,	2		
Provinces,	2		
Scotland,	1		

Deaths			68
Of native birth,			53
Of foreign birth,			15
Ireland,		12	
England,		1	
Germany,		1	
Canada,		1	

NAMES OF OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS,

LICENSED IN EASTON FROM MAY 1, 1888, TO MAY 1, 1889.

Andrew F. Anderson.
George H. Andrews.
Helen S. Andrews.
Samuel Atwood.
Oliver Ames, 2d (3).
Charles J. Anderson.
Hobart Ames (3).
William H. Ames (4).
H. H. Alger (2).
James Barlow.
Frank Belcher.
Ira R. Bailey.
Clifford Bird.
Luther O. Bird.
H. N. Billington.
James D. Bryson.
G. N. Blanchard.
George M. Buck.
Edgar F. Belcher.
Robert Birnie.
Thomas Bean.
James Bruce.
John Burns.
Dennis Burke.
Richard Burke.
Daniel Belcher.
Henry D. Buck,
James Barrett.
Bessie Belcher.
Walter Cropper.
Lena Califf.
George Carr.
George B. Cogswell.
Fred. Connell.
William L. Chaffin.
Michael Coughlin.
George Copeland (2).
William J. Cliborn.
Frank Carr.
Anthony Canan.
Hannah Connell.
Harry Cole.
John Cahill.
Cornelius Cahill.
D. Fred. Clark.
David S. Carpenter.
T. D. Collins.
J. F. Callahan.
John E. Collins (2).
Peter Conroy.

Timothy J. Cramer.
Katie E. Dean.
Dennis Donahue.
Henry I. Drake.
George K. Davis.
James Dermody.
Oliver A. Day.
Joel S. Drake.
W. E. Drake.
James Donavan.
Lucius Darling.
Jeremiah Dailey.
John H. Daley.
Theodore Darling.
T. W. Driscoll.
Mrs. M. A. Dows.
John F. Dean.
Michael Devlin.
William B. Drew.
Thomas Donahue.
Dennison S. Drew.
Robert Davis.
Patrick Diamond.
W. P. Drew.
Thomas Downey.
Frank J. Eddy.
John Ervin.
William Ervin.
William T. Elliott.
L. F. French.
F. F. Fisher.
T. J. Fitzpatrick.
John Flannagan.
Peter Fisher.

Willis J. Flagg.
John Flood.
Henry P. Fitton.
Edward N. Fisher.
Bert. Fish.
William A. Flynn.
Edward Finley.
Philip Fagan.
Alphonso Gooch.
William R. Gibbs.
Edwin Gilmore.
Howard Gilmore.
E. T. Goward.
James F. Gooch.
John Gardner.
George A. Gibbs.
William Gray.
Emrick Grundborg.
Alton L. Gooch.
William Grant.
B. F. Galligan.
A. N. Grady.
Clarence N. Goward.
Lucius Howard.
Thomas R. Howard.
W. N. Howes.
Cornelius Harvey.
W. C. Herring.
J. Henry Hurst.
William C. Howard.
Maud L. Hayward.
Edward R. Hayward.
Henry W. Heath.
George G. Hayes.

Roger S. Howard.
Arthur C. Hale.
Henry L. Howard.
Martin E. Henshaw.
Francis Homes.
W. P. Howard.
Samuel W. Hall.
George Howard.
J. E. Howard.
Axel Jeppson.
William Johnson.
Thomas M. James.
W. E. Jones.
John G. Johnston.
Jonathan W. Keith.
Michael Kelleher.
Thomas B. Keith.
Wm. H. Keenan.
Geo. W. Kennedy.
Geo. L. Kimball.
Dominic F. Kelleher.
Henry W. King.
Charles A. Knapp.
Charles F. Lothrop.
Daniel Lyons.
Oscar Lawson.
Geo. A. Lackey.
Jeremiah Lyons.
A. S. B. Lothrop.
William Lordan.
John F. Lincoln.
Jeremy Lake.
John Leary.
Cyrus Lothrop.
Frank Lincoln.
Thomas F. Ladd.
J. F. Lyons.
Oliver Lindquist.
C. E. Leonard.
Timothy Leary.
Chas. E. Leshure.
Aug. W. Lothrop.
Geo. F. Lunn.
John N. Lufkin.
E. G. Lincoln.
Daniel Lyons.
A. R. Lincoln.
H. Y. Mitchell.
M. F. Malloy.
Linus B. Manning.
William Manning.
Chas. H. McGuire.
James Mayall.
Edw. N. Morse.
John Maloy.
Chas. F. Monk.
James H. Murphy.
James Morris.
John Moynehan.
Peter McGliney.
Peter McDermott.
John McEntee.
Hugh Mullin.
Elmer Monk.
Francis Marshall.
Edward Malloy.
Robert Millett.
James R. Mackay.

T. H. McCarthy.
Daniel McDonald.
Jabez Mayall.
Frederic McDonald.
Frank Maliff.
Angela McCready.
David Mulhearn.
Mrs. Cornelia Mitchell.
Alexander Murray.
Jeremiah Murphy.
W. J. McCombe.
Robert McKean.
Jos. G. Newcomb (2).
Cora Nelson.
Asa T. Newcomb.
Geo. E. Newcomb.
Patrick Nagle.
John O'Hanlon.
Robert Orrell.
Patrick O'Connor.
Lewis F. Phillips.
L. A. Phillips.
Clayton Packard.
A. F. Pratt.
Frederic Packard.
Amos G. Pratt.
Bartholomew Proctor.
Orin Phillips.
Wm. P. Packard.
Adelbert Phillips.
Frank C. Pratt.
Henry A. Phillips.
F. J. Riordan.
Sarah A. Read.

T. H. Riordan.
Patrick F. Riordan.
D. L. Randall.
S. P. Ramsdell.
Cornelius Riordan.
John Riordan (2).
Warren S. Rice.
Michael Riordan.
Nathan Randall.
Charles H. Reed.
Geo. J. Rollins (2).
Nelson M. Randall.
Levi C. Randall.
Chas. E. Randall.
Dean Ramsdell.
Patrick Richardson.
James Ready.
William Robinson.
Charles H. Shaw.
Chas. W. Smith.
Dennis Sweeney (2).
Dwelley G. Smith.
Thos. F. Sullivan.
Asahel Smith.
E. P. Spooner.
Dennis J. Sheehan.
John Sharp.
E. M. Stone.
Fred D. Smith.
Herbert Smith.
Lorestan Snell.
J. E. Simpson.
Geo. W. Safford.
Charles Scott.

Luther F. Smith (2).
Zechariah Snell.
Timothy Sweeney.
John Stone.
Wm. J. Twohig.
William E. Tune.
James C. Tabor.
Herbert Thayer.
H. Percy Thayer.
Mrs. M. A. Tyler.
Nelson Tallman (2).
William Twohig.
Michael J. Twomey.
F. W. Tileston.
D. B. Tinkham.
Frank C. Taylor.
F. E. Tilden.
Geo. G. Withington.
Jesse C. Wilson (2).
L. K. Wilbur.
Amos C. Wade.
William A. Watts.
M. F. Williams.
Frank Williams.
Geo. F. F. Wilde (2).
J. Warren Willis.
C. B. Webster.
Martin H. Willis.
Frank C. Wade.
Ezra R. Wilbur.
Forest M. Webster.
Thos. E. Williams.
Mary H. Williams.
Hosea R. Wade.
Fred L. Wells.
John M. Wells.
John Wells.
Charles T. Wade.
Martin D. Willis.
Francis Whitten.
Orion W. Wells.
Fred White.
Gardner H. White.
Walter Welch.
Daniel Welch.
Kate S. Williams.

Whole number, 323.

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON, *Town Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE TOWN OF EASTON, *in account with*

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

Cr. CASH RECEIVED.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1,	$16,045 44	
Uncollected taxes,	800 00	
		$16,845 44
Income of Ames bequests,		8,000 00
Assessors' tax list,		21,015 61
From Commonwealth,		
Corporation tax,	$10,600 40	
" " balance of 1887,	1,255 55	
State aid repaid,	1,263 00	
Indigent soldiers' aid,	307 55	
National Bank tax,	3,097 81	
State paupers,	24 53	
		16,548 84
From First Nat. Bank of Easton, loan,		4,966 67
Aid to poor refunded,		350 31
O. C. R. R. Co., for land taken, Easton Branch,		50 00
Pedlers' licenses,		10 00
Sixth-class license,		1 00
Tuition in High School,		48 00
Rent of Town Hall,		30 00
Amount carried forward,		$67,865 87

Amount brought forward,	$67,865 87
From sale of second-hand furnace,	33 00
Rent of Evans Place,	25 23
Sale of Town Histories,	5 00
Labor for individuals, by Road Department,	101 89
Town of Canton, School Department,	30 00
City of New Bedford,	10 00
Town of Randolph,	43 28
Town of Foxboro,	17 50
Town of Bourne,	98 00
Town of Hanson,	208 86
Sale of oxen, Road Department,	115 00
O. Ames Memorial Hall Association,	50 00
Dog fund,	520 17
School fund,	25 71
	$69,149 51

Dr. CASH PAID.

State tax,	$4,950 00
National Bank tax,	256 43
County tax,	5,041 80
Discount on taxes,	1,260 93
Taxes remitted,	235 65
Printing town reports, 1887,	150 66
Note at First National Bank of Easton,	5,000 00
Collecting, recording, indexing, and returning births, marriages, and deaths,	57 00
Certifying State aid and other returns,	10 00
Care of Town Hall,	19 16
David Howard, Quartermaster G. A. R.,	150 00
Amount carried forward,	$17,131 63

Amount brought forward,	$17,131 63
Town officers' bills,	1,327 10
G. B. Cogswell, town physician,	50 00
F. E. Tilden, " "	50 00
D. L. Randall, " "	50 00
" " " " 1887,	25 00
Teachers' wages,	12,315 02
Care of school-houses,	860 62
Fuel for "	1,268 81
School text-book account,	1,123 31
School supplies and sundries,	1,120 57
School-house repairs,	765 86
W. C. Bates, salary as Superintendent of Schools,	900 00
Car fare of High School pupils,	224 93
Grading school-house yard No. 7,	197 20
Water pipes for school-house No. 7,	409 72
On account of school-house No. 1,	3,281 34
Expenses of almshouse,	1,458 52
Outside poor,	4,551 76
Salary of warden,	450 00
Repairs of roads,	8,432 83
Road tool account,	66 80
Snow bills,	13 37
Road damages, W. E. Drake,	100 00
Tree Department,	1,025 14
J. O. Dean, gravel used on O. C. R. R.,	18 25
Account of liquor fund,	232 00
Hearse and harness,	588 12
Hearse house,	231 43
Insurance,	91 50
Witnesses in case of Clark *v.* Easton,	53 90
Amount carried forward,	$58,414 73

Amount brought forward,		$58,414 73
Miscellaneous printing,		49 20
"History of Easton,"		2,150 00
H. Y. Mitchell, damage to horse,		12 00
Thomas E. Williams, guide-board posts,		3 75
S. D. Simpson & Sons, account guide-boards,		6 75
Stone curbing at South Easton,		33 00
School-house pump,		20 15
E. B. Hayward, surveys and plans,		7 00
B. J. Fuller, legal services,		76 95
Undertakers' returns of deaths,		13 25
Physicians' returns of births,		15 00
Collecting Village District tax,		50 00
Paying State aid,		16 96
Labor at forest fire,		2 50
H. Williams, recording deeds,		1 60
Postage, stationery, etc.,		27 45
Express charges,		2 25
Telephone "		60
Collector's book,		1 50
Heirs of W. G. Andrews, damages, Bridge street,		5 00
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1879 : —		
Geo. A. Lackey and wife,	$96 00	
Geo. N. Blanchard and wife,	76 50	
Peter Fisher and wife,	102 00	
Chas. F. Lothrop,	36 00	
John W. McDonald,	54 00	
Simeon A. Randall,	36 00	
James H. Leshure,	72 00	
Thomas Murray,	72 00	
Ezra G. Whittemore,	48 00	
Amounts carried forward,	$592 50	$60,909 64

Amounts brought forward,	$592 50	$60,909 64
Monroe F. Williams,	32 00	
Nelson M. Randall,	24 00	
Thomas Donahue,	48 00	
Jacob Leising,	8 25	
Mrs. Margaret T. Leising,	20 00	
Mary Richards,	24 00	
Salome Lothrop,	48 00	
Mary McEvoy,	24 00	
Caroline F. Hill,	48 00	
Charlotte A. Pope,	48 00	
Susan E. Drew,	48 00	
Anne Haney,	48 00	
Celia J. Wells,	24 00	
Amanda Drake,	48 00	
Laura A. Smith,	48 00	
Mary Diamond,	48 00	
Sally A. Henrys,	48 00	
		1,228 75
Indigent soldiers' aid, Chap. 255, Acts of 1879 : —		
John Bartlett,	$12 00	
Wm. H. Keenan,	48 00	
Geo. H. Drake,	96 00	
Thomas McGrath,	96 00	
Chas. H. McGuire,	72 00	
James McCready,	72 00	
Patrick Conlan,	72 00	
		468 00
Uncollected taxes,	$750 00	
Cash balance on hand,	5,793 12	
		6,543 12
		$69,149 51

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

FINANCIAL CONDITION DEC. 31, 1888.

Assets.

Cash,	$5,793 12	
Uncollected taxes,	750 00	
Due for State aid,	1,228 75	
" " indigent soldiers' aid,	234 00	
" from Town of Marshfield,	7 58	
" " " " West Bridgewater,	6 50	
Due from City of Taunton,	32 00	
		$8,051 95

Liabilities.

Due to warden of almshouse,	$337 50	
" " City of Taunton,	14 34	
		351 84
Balance in favor of town,		$7,700 11

OAKES AMES BEQUEST.

Balance from report, 1887,		$2,291 34
Received from dividends,		3,500 00
" " trustees, balance interest,		157 63
		$5,948 97

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of 12 lectures,	$605 89
Rent of hall for lectures,	90 00
Teachers' salaries,	200 00
Lectures on writing,	40 00
Kindergarten school teachers,	543 66
" " supplies,	16 80
" " labor,	3 00
" " use of piano,	60 00
Cooking school teacher,	236 20
" " stove,	32 00
" " coal,	5 25
" " labor,	9 08
" " supplies,	53 29
Industrial school teacher,	236 25
" " supplies and labor,	127 30
" " lumber,	68 78
Subscription to "St. Nicholas,"	324 34
" " "Wide Awake,"	36 48
" " "Our Little Ones,"	66 00
" " "Youth's Companion,"	94 00
Amount carried forward,	$2,848 32

Amount brought forward,		$2,848 32
Sewing school teacher,	312 00	
" " supplies,	15 70	
Estes & Lauriat, globe,	90 00	
J. H. Lamb, books,	18 00	
Express,	1 20	
Books,	1 62	
Printing,	2 50	
Labor,	62	
		$3,289 96
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1889,		$2,659 01

GIFT OF MAGAZINES FROM OLIVER AMES TO SCHOLARS OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Century Company, for "St. Nicholas,"	$116 00
Russell Publishing Co., for "Our Little Ones,"	33 00
Perry, Mason & Co., for "Youth's Companion,"	53 75
D. Lothrop Company, for "Wide Awake,"	7 68
	$210 43

REPORT OF THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION.

Balance on hand Jan. 1. 1888,		$192 65
Received from rent of halls for lectures and other entertainments,		449 00
Received from Paul Dean Lodge, for use of gasolene,		25 00
Received from Paul Dean Lodge (rent of rooms as per lease),		1 00
		$667 65

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Town of Easton,	$50 00	
" janitor	120 50	
" for gasolene,	79 99	
" for coal	125 15	
" for wood,	4 00	
" for labor,	7 20	
" for cutting wood,	2 00	
" for cleaning hall,	17 25	
" for repairing chairs,	3 75	
" for painting inside hall,	72 75	
		482 59
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1889		$185 06

I also hold as Treasurer the income on $2,000 bonds Kansas Pacific Railway Company, which were donated to

the Trustees, the income of which was to be applied to insuring the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, and any balance to be applied to repairs.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1888,	$309 97
Dividend on said bonds,	120 00
Interest to Jan. 1, 1889,	15 75
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1889,	$445 72

Insurance on building, $35,000; expires Oct. 14, 1891.

OLIVER AMES,
Treasurer.

TOWN WARRANT.

BRISTOL, ss.

To SAMUEL M. RENNIE, *Constable of the Town of Easton, in the County of Bristol, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Easton, on the fourth day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles: —

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Road Commissioners, and School Committee.

3d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and to see if the town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. The vote must be by separate ballot, and must be Yes, or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, town-ways, and bridges for the ensuing year?

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

6th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the fare on the railroad from South Easton and Easton to North Easton for such scholars as wish to attend the High School at North Easton.

7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be expended under the direction of Post No. 52, G. A. R., in decorating soldiers' graves.

8th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

9th. To see if the town will instruct the Road Commissioners to make a concrete crossing from Williams Street to Mechanics Street, and appropriate money for the same.

10th. To see what action the town will take in reference to a petition stating the limits of a proposed fire district, and requesting the town to raise money for the establishment and maintenance of a sufficient fire department for the reasonable protection from fire of the inhabitants and property within said limits.

11th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as made out by the Selectmen.

12th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meetiug.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, in the year 1889.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,
Selectmen of Easton.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Citizens of Easton:

The annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Road Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888, is herewith respectfully submitted.

ROAD DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND JAN. 1,

3 horses.
1 pair oxen.
4 horse carts.
1 ox cart.
1 ox wagon.
4 cart harnesses.
set double harness.
2 pair trace chains.
3 halters.
1 road roller.
1 road scraper.
1 scraper marker.
1 pennock machine.
1 snow plough.
3 ploughs.
1 stone drag.
5 gravel screens.
2 ox yokes.
1 grain box.
1 tool box.
6 feed boxes.

Lot derrick tools.
3 wrenches.
34 lantern globes.
1 burning brand.
1 steel stamp.
4 tie chains.
5 stone chains.
2 whiffletrees.
6 bush scythes.
6 scythe snaths.
6 sledge hammers.
18 hand drills.
8 large drills.
2 drill spoons.
2 horse brushes.
3 mane brushes.
4 curry-combs.
6 steel wedges.
6 steel bars.
3 axes.
2 hatchets.

4 feed bags.	7 forks.
2 water pails.	8 picks.
6 lanterns.	4 pick hoes.
6 lantern holders.	4 rakes.
4 oil cans.	12 shovels.
Lot old iron.	

ROAD MATERIAL MOVED BY TEAMS.

Loads of gravel,	3,102
" stone,	12,790
" " to crusher,	702
" loam and filling,	7,970
" crushed stone used,	896
	25,460

Stone road built, 4,150 ft.

ROAD TOOL ACCOUNT.

Joshua Dean, horse,	$200 00
G. E. Lincoln, yoke of oxen,	145 00
Morse & Whyte, gravel screen,	7 75
Kinsley Iron and Machine Co., hubs and axle,	9 70
Farrel Foundry and Machine Co., castings for crusher,	38 07
A. M. Hayward, cart axle and hubs,	12 50
A. M. Hayward, express wagon,	60 00
James Forgil & Son, 6 hame straps,	2 10
Kennedy & Murphy, harness,	27 00
George Tyler & Co., sections, points, and bolts for road machine,	18 10
O. Ames & Sons Corporation, for shovels,	17 94
Parker & Wood, goods as per bills,	18 73
W. A. Wheaton, drag,	5 00
F. C. Wade, axe,	83
	$562 72

BLACKSMITHING.

O. Ames & Sons Corporation,	$52 40
W. A. Wheaton,	22 52
A. M. Hayward,	6 28
John H. Dailey,	44 85
T. J. Fitzpatrick,	9 16
Frank Phelan,	2 70
	$137 91

GRAVEL AND STONES BOUGHT.

John O. Dean, gravel,	$25 45
Methodist Church, gravel,	13 60
D. L. Randall, gravel,	11 20
Augustus Remick, gravel,	25 40
Mrs. S. R. Briggs, gravel,	5 25
Patrick Finley, covering stones,	5 00
Dailey & Dean, gravel,	8 65
W. E. Drake, gravel,	7 20
Daniel Creeden, gravel,	9 75
John Skelly, gravel,	1 10
A. L. Bennet, gravel,	3 40
F. C. Pratt, gravel,	8 00
Gilford White, gravel,	1 25
Mary P. Howard, stones,	4 00
Philip Fagan, stones,	2 50
No. Easton Village District, stones,	5 17
George W. Kennedy, stones,	4 80
O. Ames & Sons Corporation, stones,	3 33
E. T. Goward, stones,	5 05
Mrs. Olive Gilmore, stones and gravel,	15 20
	$165 30

HAY BOUGHT.

J. C. Goward,	$86 68
E. T. Goward,	21 60
L. L. Berry,	180 00
D. M. Dailey,	62 15
D. L. Randall,	15 40
F. L. Ames,	17 40
Frank Middleton,	96 83
Harvey Manahan,	36 27
Albert Hayward,	5 55
John F. Dean,	22 40
D. L. Leonard,	9 00
John O. Dean,	8 54
	$561 82

GRAIN BOUGHT.

J. C. Goward,	$40 85
Frank Middleton,	45 95
A. B. Sladen,	31 43
W. H. Andrews,	14 05
J. M. Howard,	18 82
A. N. Grady,	29 37
D. Dineen & Co.,	38 90
G. L. Kimball,	49 89
J. O. Dean,	2 34
F. C. Wade,	104 02
	$375 62

LABOR OUTSIDE OF ROAD DEPARTMENT COMPANY.

Chas. K. Dailey,	labor,	$117 37
Herbert Leonard,	"	23 70
Edwin Howard,	"	30 00
Daniel Eddy,	"	28 00
Adam Birnie,	"	20 65
John Birnie,	"	3 60
Robert Birnie,	"	33 13
Asa T. Newcomb,	"	12 30
John Eddy,	"	19 25
Robert Millet,	"	34 65
Orrell Williams,	"	44 38
Jerry Buckley,	"	79 20
Benj. Smith,	"	1 00
William Smith,	"	1 00
Fred E. Packard,	"	5 50
A. B. Anderson, building wall on Bridge Street,		38 30
A. B. Anderson, setting grate,		1 50
Patrick Menton, labor,		1 50
John Irvin, labor,		10 00
		$505 03

LABOR BY ROAD DEPARTMENT COMPANY.

L. O. Legarde,	630 hours at	20	cents,	$126 00
L. O. Legarde,	2,270 "	25	"	567 50
James Readdy,	2,871 "	17½	"	502 35
Frank Maliff,	10 "	"	"	1 75
Andrew Lawzon,	2,455 "	"	"	429 62
Martin Williams,	2,371 "	"	"	414 87
Amount carried forward,				$2,042 09

Amount brought forward,					$2,042 09
William Lordon,	2,422	hours at	17½	cents,	423 79
John Ryan,	649	"	"	"	113 56
John Carlsson,	2,334	"	"	"	408 39
Maurice Fitzgerald,	2,270	"	"	"	397 20
Peter Nolan,	263	"	"	"	46 01
Dennis Coughlin,	2,037	"	"	"	356 43
Patrick Murphy,	1,704	"	"	"	298 18
Charles Crowell,	1,836	"	"	"	321 27
Horace Phillips,	1,084	"	"	"	189 69
Henry Drake,	1,467	"	"	"	257 00
Daniel Eddy,	326	"	"	"	57 05
Daniel Wilson,	18	"	"	"	3 15
Robert Millet,	458	"	"	"	80 15
Delphice Cousinar,	1,748	"	"	"	305 85
Furgs Conn,	153	"	"	"	26 77
Edward Desmond,	643	"	"	"	112 52
Cornelius Reilly,	866	"	"	"	151 54
Robert Irvin,	35	"	"	"	6 20
Louis Lawzon,	777	"	"	"	135 96
Lars Jepson,	120	"	"	"	21 00
Andrew J. Nelson,	402	"	"	"	70 35
P. M. Pearson,	187	"	"	"	32 72
					$5,856 87

SUNDRIES.

Horace Phillips, care of oxen,	$3 00
Cunningham, Banks & Co., lumber,	29 28
T. H. Dean & Co., oil and repair derrick,	7 77
J. H. Manchester, repair harnesses,	1 95
J. O. Dean, man and use of saw,	1 38
Amount carried forward,	$43 38

Amount brought forward,	$43 38
J. O. Dean, rendrock, caps, and fuse,	6 23
G. G. Withington & Co., medicine for horse,	1 75
F. C. Wade, hatchet, oil, and nails,	3 91
O. C. R. R., freight,	3 98
T. A. Caldwell, keeping oxen,	10 00
S. D. Simpson & Son, repairs,	26 75
" " painting and lettering guide-board,	2 75
W. A. Wheaton, repairs,	5 08
A. A. Gooch, stock and labor on railing,	8 75
Cornelius Creeden, paving,	23 37
A. Mack, plank,	2 62
" " labor, bolts, and spikes,	4 00
" " " on railing,	2 60
E. B. Hayward, survey and plan on Washington Street,	6 00
E. B. Hayward, survey and plan on Canton Street,	3 00
L. L. Berry, use of stable,	36 00
D. L. Leonard, " "	13 00
F. L. Ames, rail timber,	1 20
" " posts,	2 85
" " drag plank,	3 00
O. Ames & Sons Corporation, two time books,	1 00
" " " store account,	17 56
" " " oil for stone crusher,	11 30
" " " water power for stone crusher,	44 00
" " " repair stone crusher,	4 02
E. R. Hayward, stock and labor, railing,	40 28
" " lumber,	3 09
Amount carried forward,	$331 47

Amount brought forward,	$331 47
J. C. Goward, oil,	12
Howes' express,	7 65
F. Middleton, express, nails, and oil,	1 34
	$340 58

RECAPITULATION.

EXPENDITURES.

Labor by road company,	$5,856 87
Labor outside road company,	505 03
Tool account,	562 72
Blacksmithing,	137 91
Gravel and stones bought,	165 30
Hay bought,	561 82
Grain bought,	375 62
Sundries,	340 58
	$8,505 85

ROAD RECEIPTS.

Income from Ames, bequest,	$4,000 00
Town appropriation for repairs,	3,000 00
" " " tools,	400 00
Oxen sold,	115 00
O. A. Ames, for crushed stone,	4 00
Oliver Ames, " " "	16 00
Clearing sidewalks of snow in North Easton, Village District,	10 37
Clearing gutters of snow and ice,	11 37
Stones to James Cunningham,	2 00
Labor of road men and teams for L. L. Berry,	6 62
Horace Phillips, for use of wagon,	7 00
Amount carried forward,	$7,572 36

Amount brought forward,	$7,572 36
Horace Phillips, for boarding horse,	8 75
Balance in treasury, Jan. 1, 1888,	694 38
For labor and material to A. M. Hayward in 1887,	47 15
	$8,322 64
We have exceeded appropriation,	$183 21

We expected to have received pay for repairing the streets in North Easton village where the water pipes were laid, before our report was finished, but have not.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O. DEAN,
THOMAS B. KEITH,
LEAVITT L. BERRY,
Commissioners.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

L. S. DRAKE. E B. HAYWARD.
WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WILLIAM C. BATES.

Teachers employed during the year: —

High.		M. C. Lamprey.
"		Alice M. Merrill.
"		Jennie Barbour.
No.	1.	Janet Young.
"	1.	Mary A. Birnie.
No.	2.	Mary E. Richards.
"	3.	Lottie M. Heath.
Union.		John F. Scully.
"		Clara Hunt.
"		Myrtie A. Leonard.
No.	6.	Edith M. Keith.
No.	7.	Harriet M. Stevens.
"	7.	Louisa C. Young.
"	7.	Mary J. Moore.
"	7.	Mary E. Patterson.
No.	7.	Mary J. Reynolds.
"	7.	Lizzie E. Morse.
"	7.	Ella A. Wade.
"	7.	Grace E. Ripley.
"	7.	Julia A. Reardon.
"	7.	Jessie Porter.
"	7.	Frances Higginbottom.
"	7.	Josie F. Barton.
"	7.	Nella Fobes.
"	7.	Helen L. Drake.
"	7.	Clara L. King.
No.	8.	Emma E. Fecto.
No.	9.	Miriam G. Dowden.
"	9.	Sadie L. Waldron.
No.	10.	Mary A. Stone.

J. E. Shepardson, *Music Teacher.*
Mrs. E. F. Andrews, *Teacher of Sewing.*
Mrs. M. Eva Clements, *Assistant Teacher of Sewing.*
F. G. Keith, *Teacher in Workshop and Mechanical Drawing.*
Nettie L. Withington, *Teacher of Kindergarten.*
Nettie M. Willey, *Teacher in School Kitchen.*

REPORT

To the Citizens of Easton:

Your School Committee present the following report for the year 1888: —

STATISTICS.

Number of children in town May 1, 1888, between five and fifteen years of age,	784
This is a loss from the year before, of	36
Number of different scholars of all ages enrolled on the school registers in 1888,	875
Number over fifteen years of age,	68
Number under five years of age,	2
Average amount per scholar, appropriated by the towns of the State for 1887,	$12.43
Average amount per scholar, appropriated by the towns of the State in 1888,	$11.94

APPROPRIATION.

The amount necessary for the support of schools for 1889 is $9,360.96. This amount is made necessary by one of the conditions of the Oliver Ames bequest, which requires the town to appropriate the same amount per scholar as was appropriated by the towns of the State the preceding year. Our number of scholars between the ages of five and fifteen years on May 1, 1888, was 784, and $784 \times \$11.94 = \$9{,}360.96$, as above.

We recommend $1,000 for text-books; and $400 for repairs.

The proportionate expense of No. 7, as compared with other parts of the town, has been maintained in accordance with the second and third conditions named in the bequest, viz., as much money per scholar from the money raised by taxation for the schools should be appropriated for the scholars at No. 7 as for the scholars in the other schools in town, and three fourths of the income of the bequest should be applied at No. 7.

The amount per scholar appropriated in 1887 was $12.43. No. 7 had 441 scholars, and the part of the appropriation for No. 7 was 441 times $12.43,	$5,481 63
Add three fourths of the income of the bequest,	3,000 00
Total that must be expended in No. 7,	$8,481 63

The expenses of No. 7 were as follows: —

Teachers' salaries in No. 7,	$7,624 53
Proportion of expense of music,	292 50
" " supplies,	560 28
Cost of fuel (estimated),	634 20
Care of school-house,	498 89
Total expense of No. 7,	$9,610 40

This amount includes the expense of the High School.

The full and admirable report made by the Superintendent on the condition of the schools renders it unnecessary for us to go into details upon the subject. We refer our citizens to that report in the hope that they will give it a careful perusal. We consider the town very fortunate in retaining the services of Mr. Bates, and con-

gratulate ourselves that various considerations induced him to refuse an offer of a much larger salary as superintendent in a city in New Jersey.

The South Easton people called for an appropriation last year to pay for raising the grade of the school-house yard there. The amount appropriated was much too small to do the work properly, and will have to be supplemented by an additional amount this year.

L. S. DRAKE.
E. B. HAYWARD.
W. L. CHAFFIN.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Easton:

I have the honor to submit to you my third annual report.

TEACHING.

In appointing teachers to the positions that have become vacant during the year you have held steadily to your purpose to give employment to only such persons as have made especial preparation for teaching. You require either thorough training or successful experience. In no way can you more surely build up the schools. The work of teaching is ever making greater demands upon the knowledge of instructors. Such a preparation for teaching as the Bridgewater Normal School will give is an outfit none to good for one who has to instruct in all the classes represented in our ungraded schools. It is interesting, yes, it is inspiring, to watch the change in the whole bearing and character of the pupils in those schools wherein dwells the spirit of true Normal teaching. If children find that in their teacher they have one who, out of the stores of his own information, can lead them into new thoughts and to the discovery of new facts, they become inspired to be thinkers and discoverers, too. This spirit comes from teachers who have added to their High School course the broader view and the larger development of a Normal training. It is also a satisfaction to observe the effect of good teaching upon attendance. Children soon discover whether there is anything at school worth

going to get. If the teacher knows enough about the subjects he teaches so that he can make his exercises interesting, if he can make the children feel that school life and home life are parts of one complete whole, if he is so skilful that he every day makes the school life draw something of its worth from the home life, and the home life take on some of the earnestness and gentleness of the school life, then he is able to so influence his pupils that they will not voluntarily absent themselves from his instruction. When there is something real good for supper the children are quite sure to keep where they can hear the bell that summons them to the evening meal. The mind craves something good for its nourishment, and if the school furnishes it, and presents it with the ringing voice, the glowing face, and the earnest personality of a well-trained and sympathetic teacher, the children will be present to receive it. So it is becoming more and more established that persons who are to teach successfully need the broadening influence of such a training as our Normal Schools afford. The High School lays the foundation, and I contend that with us this foundation is well laid; but a thorough review of the subjects upon which instruction is to be given is required before one is fitted to teach. Not only a review but a new view is needed, an understanding and mastery of principles such as could not be obtained in the common-school course. Now, a training class cannot give this thorough review and especial preparation. The training class presupposes sufficient knowledge and breadth of culture for teaching.

Does this knowledge exist in the average graduate of the schools of our towns and cities? Let us look, for example, at the study of geography. As a rule, political geography is finished in the Grammar course, and physical geography is completed in the High School. Can we rea-

sonably expect that the young people, who have received even the best instruction in geography, have obtained such an understanding of the principles and methods on which good teaching is founded, and that their knowledge of the subject is so comprehensive that they can themselves do good teaching after spending a few months in watching the work of other teachers and reading a few educational treatises? In my judgment, one who is to teach must go to some school where he can study again his political and physical geography (where he can study them together, for they ought never to be separated), and so get a broad basis of knowledge on which to build his teaching. The expression, "We train our own teachers," is too often heard. The effect of this is narrowing. It is narrowing in that its tendency is to limit the choice of teachers for the vacancies that occur to the small number of local candidates who have "given their time" to training in the schools. It is narrowing to the persons who are trained. They get a drill in the established order of school work in the place where they hope to teach; they learn to go in the local ruts; they partake of the spirit already operating in the schools of the town.

It is clear, therefore, that they who decide to take a course in a training-class rather than at one of the Normal Schools are wise if they go away from home for their instruction in methods of teaching. Some of our young ladies are fitting themselves for the work in such a way that they will not have to wait their turn for one of the few vacancies that come in our local schools, but will be able to present themselves as worthy candidates anywhere. Miss Lizzie S. Cavanagh is attending the Quincy Training School, and Miss Geneva Nelson and Miss Edith M. Keith are at the Bridgewater Normal School.

Miss Miriam G. Dowden, who had taught for several

years at the Centre School, resigned at the end of the spring term, and accepted a position at Hanover, whither her family had moved. Miss Sadie L. Waldron was appointed to succeed Miss Dowden. Miss Waldron is a graduate of the Easton High School, and has taught acceptably at West Bridgewater. Miss Mary J. Moore, teacher of the D Grammar class at North Easton, accepted a call to Malden, and also resigned at the end of the spring term. Miss Moore's place was filled by transferring Miss Patterson from the E Grammar, and Miss Helen L. Drake was selected for the place thus made vacant. Miss Drake is a graduate of the High School, and also of the Salem Normal. Miss Ella A. Wade declined to continue longer as teacher of the C Primary at North Easton, and Miss Grace E. Ripley, who had been for some time Miss Morse's assistant, was promoted to succeed Miss Wade. Miss Clara L. King, a graduate of the High School, who had trained with Miss Morse, followed Miss Ripley as assistant in the B Primary. At the end of the fall term Miss Edith M. Keith, teacher of the school at Poquanticut, resigned, in order that she might take the course at the Bridgewater Normal School. Seldom do I find a teacher who voluntarily gives up a permanent position and a fair income, in order that she may still further pursue her studies, and so make herself more fit for her chosen work. Miss Carrie A. Leonard followed Miss Keith at Poquanticut. Miss Leonard has taken the course at the Quincy Training School, and has had experience in teaching in the schools of Ashfield.

BETTER GRADING.

It is possible for pupils to outgrow an ungraded school before they have finished the course. After seven years

have been passed in one school a change is greatly to be desired. The larger pupils, few in number, are inclined to feel out of place among the little folks, and so are tempted to drop out, and thus end their school-days before they have had the equivalent of a good Grammar course. It would be a benefit to all the pupils in the ungraded schools if we could so arrange that the older pupils could go to the graded schools during the last two years of the course. The children who would go to the graded schools would be benefited, because they would be taken out of the surroundings with which they have been so long familiar that they have become tired of them, and because, as members of the larger classes in the Grammar schools, they would find more to stimulate them to make their best efforts in their daily work. The pupils who would be left would then receive better instruction, because, with fewer classes, teachers would be able to give each individual more care and more thorough instruction. To a certain extent this change is possible in Easton. Now that we have a Grammar school at South Easton, I think that many of the parents of the older pupils who attend at Sequasett will desire to have their children get the benefit of the graded school, especially if it could be so arranged that they could go to and from school by train. I trust that this matter will receive your attention and the consideration of the families that would be benefited by such an arrangement.

It would be a relief to the school at Unionville, if the pupils who are doing the work of the last two years there could attend the Grammar school at North Easton. Some would have a longer walk, but the gain would be worth going an added distance to get. I have no desire to force any changes upon the schools before the time for them is ripe, but I recognize and am encouraged

by the spirit of enterprise and the liberal disposition towards improvements that exist in the town, and I would have improvements in our educational system keep pace with the material prosperity. I make these suggestions the more freely because I know that the people will weigh them on their merits, and that they will not be met by the miserable objection that because they never have been done therefore they never should be.

HELPS.

In March all the schools were visited and inspected by Mr. George H. Martin, agent of the State Board of Education. Mr. Martin applied such tests as tended to show whether the pupils were being trained into right habits of thought and work. By his exercises, and the results obtained from them, he was able to show wherein the teaching had been formal and superficial. At the teachers' meeting he pointed out the directions in which improvement should be made. He showed so clearly that his criticisms were just and his suggestions right, that all were glad to try to improve in the directions he indicated. I think it fair to state that, as one result of his inspection, there is now less formal work being done in arithmetic,—more oral work is given. If our pupils can think better in number, and can perform every-day problems without the aid of slate and pencil better than they could a year ago, it is largely because Mr. Martin convinced us that a greater part of our work should be in the line of mental drill with small numbers. It is the earnest desire of many of our teachers that Mr. Martin may again visit them, in order that they may show to him that the seed he sowed in Easton fell not upon barren soil.

At the meeting next following Mr. Martin's talk, Mr. Dickinson visited us and addressed the teachers. In an-

swer to the questions, "What is teaching?" and "How shall I teach?" he held the closest attention of the teachers, while he made us think with him, and showed us how, by the objective method, we can make our pupils observe, analyze, generalize, and reason, and so obtain mental power.

Mr. Martin remarked that he seldom found schools in the country so well supplied with means for good teaching as are the Easton schools. Each of the districts has a good physiological chart. There are also charts to help in language, music, and reading provided for the pupils in every district. But all these things will not make good schools. No amount of helpful material can take the place of effort and application on the part of the pupils. Helps in teaching increase the responsibility of the teachers, for it will ever be true that, "to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Supplementary books in history and geography are furnished, so that there is no excuse for that narrow work that is confined to a single text-book. A sufficient variety of readers is furnished. When one book has been faithfully used, another is provided; and so, with new material on which to work, with new selections to read, with new thoughts to enjoy, the interest of pupils is sustained, and increasing stores of information are obtained. The higher readers that were in use twenty-five years ago contained the very best selections. We had to read them over and over again, until we got many of them "by heart." We did not understand them then, for their thought was, in many cases, far beyond us. But in after life when we heard them quoted, or found them in our reading or study, and the depth and beauty of the thought in them dawned upon us, we rejoiced that we had stored our minds with these gems of literature in our school-days. Now that our pupils read

so much, we must still take care to have them commit to memory selections from the best authors. It is not enough for young people to have a reading habit, they ought also to have a habit of memorizing grand thoughts and descriptions in prose and poetry. If I were to choose whether I should teach a boy cube root or have him learn Edward Everett's description of the wonders of the dawn, I believe I would be doing him the greater service if I drilled him so that he could keep with him all through life that wonderful description of the glories of the heavens. Certainly I would teach both, if there was time for both, but if called to choose, I would say more choice literature and less mathematics. And we must ever bear in mind, that, while it is necessary and proper to teach the children those things that they can fully understand to-day, it is just as necessary and proper to store their minds with those inspired passages of prose and poetry that will ever unfold increasing beauties of thought and depths of truth.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

The following circular letter has been received from the Secretary of the State Board of Education. The importance of the matter of which it treats demands for it a place in this report.

In the Service of the Commonwealth.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 4, 1889.

CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION No. 2.

TRUANT SCHOOLS.

Sect. 10, Chap. 48, of the Public Statutes, requires each town of the Commonwealth to "make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants and children between seven and fifteen years of age who may be found wandering about the streets or public places therein, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance; and shall make such by-laws as shall be most conducive to the welfare of such children, and to the good order of such town; and shall provide suitable places for the confinement, discipline, and instruction of such children."

As the towns would be unnecessarily burdened if each was required to maintain a truant school of its own, Sect. 14, Chap. 48, of the Public Statutes, provides that, if three or more towns so require, the county commissioners shall establish at the expense of the county, at convenient places therein, other than the jail or house of correction, truant schools.

To relieve the counties from unnecessary expense, Chap. 155 of the Acts of 1884 provides that "Three or more cities or towns in each of two, three or four contiguous counties may require the county commissioners of such counties to establish union truant schools as provided by section fourteen of chapter forty-eight of the Public Statues."

The Supreme Judicial Court has just rendered a decision in the case of the *City of Lynn* vs. *The County Commissioners of Essex County*, that —

"This statute is mandatory, and county commissioners, upon a proper requirement under it, should establish a truant school, without reference to their own views as to the expediency of so doing."

Sect. 5, Chap. 43, of the Public Statutes, provides that no apportionment or distribution of the income of the school fund shall be made to a city or town which has not complied with the laws relating to truancy.

Truant children, in larger or smaller numbers, are to be found in every town in the Commonwealth, and the only economical nd efficient way of providing suitable places for the confinement, discipline, and instruction of such children is by the establishment of county schools, supported and controlled by the county or counties. The importance of providing such places for the truants cannot be overestimated.

Hampd n and Berkshire counties have already established county truant schools, and with good results.

It is recommended that the towns of the other counties of the State, at their next annual meetings, petition according to Sect. 14, Chap. 48, of the Public Statutes, their county commissioners to establish county truant schools, in which a class of children now wandering about the streets and growing up in ignorance, to become hereafter a dangerous element in our communities, may receive such discipline and instruction as will prepare them for good citizenship in our Commonwealth.

J. W. DICKINSON,
Secretary of Board of Education.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

I believe that we should no longer give a special set of examinations for admission to the High School, but that we should promote to the lowest class in the High School exactly as we promote from one class to another in the common schools. It is hard to see why the step from the A Grammar class to the High School should be blocked by a special set of examinations any more than the step from the C Grammar to the B Grammar. When the character of the work in the different districts varied to a considerable extent, and there was no definite assignment of work for each year, it seemed necessary to give a special examination to those pupils who desired admission to the High School. Now, that the work of each grade has been arranged with considerable care, and each teacher knows what is required of pupils as a fitting for the High School, and as examinations are given from time to time to test the proficiency of the pupils in their work, it

would seem that the teachers and Superintendent ought to know what pupils have done the preparatory work acceptably, and who are fitted for promotion. I believe that this special examination is a positive harm. I believe that pupils fail to apply for admission to the High School for very fear of it. I believe that the last year of the Grammar course is made less enjoyable to many nervous children because they feel that so much depends upon the examinations for admission. I know that the children collected from all parts of the town, in the heat of July, in a strange place, and with the fear of failure before their minds, are not able to do themselves or their teachers justice. I have seen children waiting, trembling and in tears, to know the result of these examinations. I believe that pupils who have faithfully finished their Grammar course have fairly earned an entrance into the High School. I believe that if pupils know that their admission depends upon the work of the whole year, — upon their reputation for punctuality, constant effort, and daily attainment, and not upon their luck in the special tests, — they will be stimulated to greater effort in their daily work. The High School is for all the people. Even a little taste of its privileges is a benefit. Let us, for the good of the children, and for the good of the school, take down this unnecessary barrier, that now forbids a free and natural entrance, and give to all who have regularly completed the Grammar course a full admission to its privileges. The High School now covers the whole town. Every district is represented in its membership. At the beginning of the winter term sixty-four pupils were in attendance. Four of these were from Raynham; of the remaining sixty exactly one half were from North Easton; the pupils in the other half were from the several districts. The class that entered in September had

in it pupils from every district in town. This is a good sign: it shows that the pupils in the common schools are aiming right at the High School. This being so, there is an earnestness and vigor in their work that would be impossible if there was nothing ahead for which to strive.

The promise made in the last report has been kept, and a third teacher has been employed in the High School. Miss Jennie Barbour was selected for the position. She is a graduate of the Salem Normal, and has taught successfully.

The graduating exercises of the class of 1888 were held at Memorial Hall, on the evening of the twenty-ninth of June, and were as follows: —

PROGRAMME.

PIANO SOLO. "Mazurk" . . . . . *B. Goddard.*
EMMA A. LEACH.

SONG OF GREETING.

ORATION WITH SALUTATORY. "Knowledge is Power."
HERBERT L. WILBUR.

RECITATION. "The Bell of Atri" . . . . *Longfellow.*
MARION A. COPELAND.

ORATION. "Education."
JOHN J. MCNAMARA.

MUSIC. "Nature's Language."

RECITATION. "The Trumpets of Doolkarnein" . *Leigh Hunt.*
MAGGIE A. DONAHOE.

ORATION. "Brevity is the Soul of Wit."
ALSON A. GILMORE, JR.

RECITATION. "The Legend of Annisfallen. *Minnie D. Bateham.*
EMMA A. LEACH.

ORATION. "Characters We Should Build Up."
WILLIAM N. HOWARD.

MUSIC. "Hail, Evening Bright."

DECLAMATION. "An American Exile" . . . . *I. H. Brown.*
WILLIAM N. WADE.

CLASS PROPHECIES. "'88 in the Dim Future."
GEORGIA A. STONE.

ORATION WITH VALEDICTORY. "The Thinker."
CHARLES M. LAMPREY.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

Diplomas were awarded to —

MARION A. COPELAND.
MAGGIE A. DONAHOE.
WILLIAM N. HOWARD.
EMMA A. LEACH.
GEORGIA A. STONE.
ALSON A. GILMORE, JR.
CHARLES M. LAMPREY.
JOHN J. MCNAMARA.
WILLIAM N. WADE.
HERBERT L. WILBUR.

Several of the members of this and the preceding class are still further pursuing their studies in higher institutions of learning. Two are attending the Boston University, two are members of the Freshman class at Amherst, one is in the Freshman class at Dartmouth, and one is a member of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

Such a record as this has a desirable effect upon the whole school. Others are moved to prepare themselves to secure the advantages of some of the schools and colleges that give instruction beyond the High School course. The fact that this year we have six pupils in Greek shows the direction in which the thought and spirit of the High School tend. The High School is not an institution by itself: it affects every school, and has an influence upon the whole system of the town. As it grows stronger it raises the grade of every school that feeds into it. It takes boys and girls and cares for them while they change into young men and young women. It holds up before them a high standard of character, it nourishes a sturdy spirit, and tends to incite its pupils to thoughtful and well-ordered lives.

The following report by Mr. Lamprey calls your attention to the principal events of the school year just passed:

Mr. W. C. Bates, *Superintendent of Schools:*

It gives me pleasure to report an improved condition of affairs in the High School. The number of pupils now enrolled is seventy; and there is certainly an improvement in the matter of attendance, which, considering the distance that some of our pupils are obliged to come, I think is fully up to the average. The addition of another assistant to our teaching force has put the school upon a different and more satisfactory basis. Hurried work, such as has been unavoidable hitherto, has necessitated the omission of many details essential to a full development of the subject. With our present force of teachers, sufficient time can be given to each branch of study to render such omissions inexcusable; and if they occur in the future, the responsibility for them must rest somewhere within the school-room.

I do not wish to be understood as insuring scholarship, but only ample opportunity for its attainment by those who will diligently apply themselves to the task. The student must now as always be held responsible to the extent of heartily co-operating with the efforts of the teachers. Opportunity implies obligation on his part as well as on that of the teacher. Without a full appreciation of this fact neither efficiency nor faithfulness on the part of the teacher will avail much.

The cosmosphere, purchased from the Oakes Ames Fund, is a most valuable addition to our illustrative apparatus. By its use many difficult points in astronomy are made easy of comprehension. It is doubtful whether any single piece of apparatus was ever devised which was more helpful to the teacher of astronomy. This, together

with the heliotellus, furnished for the use of the High School through the kindness of Mr. J. O. Dean, leaves nothing to be desired except a good telescope. I doubt whether any High School in the State is furnished with better appliances for illustrating the study of physiology. Few, if any, can boast of possessing a manikin, skeleton, physiological charts, and slides for the microscope. These, while entailing additional care on the part of the teacher, make the results of teaching more satisfactory.

The beginning of the present term marks a new departure in the teaching of physical science in the High School. We are to be congratulated on possessing at last what we hope will prove to be, when completed, a thoroughly equipped chemical and physical laboratory. Chemistry has come to be taught in our best High Schools almost wholly by experiments performed by the students, with occasional lectures and explanations on difficult points by the teacher. This method of presenting the subject requires a special workshop, and a room has been set apart for this purpose. It has been furnished with a table twenty feet long, provided with drawers and shelves for the safe keeping of such material as may be given to each student for his separate use. Each one is held responsible for the proper care of whatever may be thus given to him. But no laboratory can be called complete without being supplied with gas, which, I am sure, will be cheerfully provided when the necessity for it comes to be understood. Without attempting any lengthy explanation, it may be briefly stated in this connection, that with it more and better work can be done in a given time, and that in the end it will prove to be cheaper than alcohol. Time is an essential element in school life, as elsewhere, and by the use of gas many experiments can be performed in half the time required when alcohol

lamps are used. Dr. Frost, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was consulted in regard to the best method of fitting up a laboratory, said, very emphatically, "If you are thinking of fitting one up without gas, you may as well stop at once: it cannot be a success." The laboratory, though intended chiefly for instruction in chemistry, will be used also for experimental work in physics, which more and more is coming to be taught in this way. In conclusion, allow me to express my firm conviction that the Easton High School was never in a more satisfactory condition. This is, of course, from the teacher's stand-point; others must judge of results.

For the first time since my connection with the High School one of our number has been removed by the hand of death. Although she had been a member of the school only for a short time, Miss Adella Gooch had attracted the favorable notice of her teachers and gained the good-will of all her associates. She gave evidence of an earnest desire to make the most of her opportunities, and but for her untimely death would undoubtedly have become an ornament to the school.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. LAMPREY.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

The Kindergarten has been continued during the year in charge of Miss Nettie L. Withington. Owing to the very mild and favorable weather the attendance has been good during the winter months. The classes in sewing remain in charge of Mrs. E. F. Andrews. Excellent discipline and thorough work characterize this department. In the workshop Mr. Keith has made some changes in

the instruction. Each pupil now has a separate bench. The work done in the shop is more neat and accurate than it was last year. Much good work has been done by the Saturday-morning classes in mechanical drawing. The school kitchen has sessions one day each week, taking pupils from the Grammar rooms. The classes continue under the faithful instruction of Miss Nettie M. Willey, and the interest of the pupils is sustained. Mr. Shepardson visits each school every week to give instruction in music. The following report, submitted by him, tells something of his work: —

Mr. W. C. Bates, *Superintendent of Schools:*

Music as a branch of school work is now receiving more attention from those who are interested in education than at any time in the history of public schools. Better methods are being employed, and thus more satisfactory results are the fruits of a clearer understanding of the things to be taught.

In the five years that I have been employed as music teacher, it has been my constant endeavor to become familiar with the best methods of teaching music, and while perfection is not claimed for the methods adopted, still I believe them successful and well suited to our work.

The schools are visited weekly, at which time the lesson for the following week is written upon a card, supplied particularly for this work. The ungraded schools are divided into two classes, thus avoiding the rote singing, which is sure to result where younger scholars are taught the same lesson which is designed for more advanced pupils.

Thus children are receiving instruction which, if pursued to the close of school life, will produce independent

music readers and develop a taste for the better classes of music.

With the best methods, only partial success could be attained without the hearty co-operation of the regular teachers; and here let me express my appreciation for the constant endeavors which are being made by them to carry out the instructions given, and to make the work a success.

J. E. SHEPARDSON.

IMPROVEMENTS.

One of the most important events of the year was the improvement of the building and grounds at South Easton. Nothing could better illustrate the spirit of the people towards their schools than the manner in which the suggestions of the last report were received, and the readiness with which appropriations were made, and every facility afforded for the proposed improvement. In place of the old one-story building with a damp basement, poor heating, and an excessive number of children in its single school-room, we now have a commodious two-story building suited to our needs. The sills of the reconstructed building were placed so high that it was possible to fill in the cellar, so that water will no longer stand there, and still leave abundant space for the large furnace by which the building is heated. The covered porch, extending across the whole front, adds to the appearance of the house, and shelters the entrances in time of storms. The halls and stairways are large and conveniently located. The small class-rooms on each floor are used now for storage purposes, but would be found of great value if the schools should grow so as to require assistants. The primary room is a model school home for the little people.

It is so large that, with reasonable care to the ventilation, the air is always good.

The walls, ceiling, and curtains are all in harmony, and make a pleasing impression on the eye. The ash finishing is light and cheerful. The blackboards of natural slate all around the room, and at such a height that the little children can easily use them, are one of the most attractive features. The new single desks, adorned with the pretty covers that the children have brought from home, are in keeping with the other appointments. The teacher's new desk is in harmony with the furniture provided for the pupils. Certainly there can be no excuse if we fail to have a good school in such a room as this. The upper room is hardly less attractive. The same colors are on walls and ceiling, and new curtains are at the windows. There are new desks for pupils and teacher. Now that the older pupils are removed from the disturbing presence of the little ones, and can have the whole time and attention of the teacher, it is fair to expect that better work will be done. The school prospect at South Easton has a favorable look. The material part has been well provided. It remains for those who teach to make their work correspond in excellence to the surroundings in which they work.

A new out-building, under which are tight vaults, has taken the place of the dilapidated structure that was in use before the change in the school-house was made. When the grading of the yard is finished, and the fence on the south side of the yard is placed in position, the school property at South Easton will be a credit to the neighborhood in which it stands.

At the Furnace Village the school-rooms have been made bright and attractive by kalsomining the walls and ceilings. The boys' out-building has been reconstructed.

The boys show their appreciation of good accommodations by keeping them in a clean and proper condition.

At Poquanticut the walls and ceilings have been given a new and brighter color.

The north side of the front yard at North Easton has been changed into a lawn. Material for grading was carted on, and a gently sloping surface was made. Loam was spread over the whole, and grass-seed was sown. Notwithstanding the heavy rains of the fall and winter, the material used in grading has stayed where it was put, and the attempt to beautify these grounds promises to be successfully accomplished. As fast as suitable dirt and loam can be obtained it is being placed on the south side of the yard, and the work there will probably be finished in the spring. The boys' out-building at North Easton was thoroughly renewed during the summer vacation. It is to the credit of the boys that they have shown such an appreciation of these better arrangements that the apartments are as clean to-day as they were on the first of September. Our experience goes to show that the best conveniences we can arrange are none too good for the children, and that the better we make our outbuildings, the better care will the children give them.

The school-room at Unionville is now one of the most attractive in Easton. Here the walls and ceilings have been made sweet and bright. The building stands in an exposed position, and I frequently found it insufficiently heated by the single stove with which it was provided. In November the stove was taken out, and a furnace was placed in the basement. A more acceptable change could hardly have been made, for the whole room is now warm all the time. The unsightly stove-pipe is gone, and from the hooks in the ceiling, where once hung ugly chains by which the pipe was upheld, are now suspended orna-

ments, contributed by the children, that give to the whole room a home-like look. The children here seem to be imbued with something of the spirit one might look for as the result of the meetings and projects of the local improvement society. They certainly take much pleasure in making and keeping their school-room like a common home. I think that in the spring the boys will be willing to do what they can to make the yard attractive, too.

It can be truly said that all our school property is receiving better care than it had two years ago. The outbuildings are in much better condition, more sweeping is being done, and teachers and pupils are taking an increasing pride in the care of buildings and grounds. At Sequasett, Poquanticut, and the Bay Road, the children have had flower gardens. After all, the condition of a school building where the pay of the janitor is so small that the work has to be done by one of the boys depends upon the attitude of the teacher. The teacher who is careful to continually remind herself that she is not employed to sweep and dust, and who is not inclined to help and encourage the janitor, is pretty sure to have an uninviting room. But the teacher who makes of her school a committee of the whole to secure order and cleanliness soon finds that there are plenty of ready feet to run and willing hands to help her keep the building in good condition.

CONCERNING NAMING THE SCHOOLS.

Would it not be well to give up calling our schools by numbers? It would seem that some more attractive means of designating them might be employed. Now that the old school districts no longer exist, the numbers by which they were known have lost their significance. Such names of localities as Sequasett and Poquanticut

should be retained, and officially assigned to the schools. The "History of Easton" furnishes the names of many men who were eminent for their counsels or their philanthropy. These names applied to our schools would mean something. If such should be selected, and placed neatly on the buildings, our school property would be made yet more attractive.

THE BUILDING AT NORTH EASTON.

I take pleasure in reminding you that the system of heating the large building at North Easton continues to be a success. By the indirect radiation, a plentiful supply of fresh, warm air is introduced into all the rooms, and this, supplemented by the direct radiation from the pipes along the exposed sides, completely warms every part of the building. After the water was introduced, a standpipe was put up through the centre of the building and arrangements for drinking and washing were placed on each floor. Connections for hose were made in the standpipe, and on each floor and in the basement we have, ready for immediate use in case of fire, fifty feet of the best linen hose with nozzle attached, the whole of such size that it can be quickly and easily handled. Certainly this building is much less exposed to danger from fire than it was two years ago. Then we had seven furnaces in the basement, and there was no water supply; now our means of heating requires but a single fire, and we have abundant provision for quenching the flames, if by any accident a fire should be started in any part of the building.

CONCLUSION.

In bringing this report to a close, I desire to acknowledge the constant kindness with which you have favored

my efforts. I wish to remind you that I have been encouraged and helped by the good spirit of the people of Easton toward their schools, and by the zeal with which the teachers have, in their several stations, done their part.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. BATES,
Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations for 1888,	$10,068 30
Income of Oliver Ames bequest,	4,000 00
Balance from 1887,	1,940 66
Dog tax,	520 17
Tuition of out-of-town pupils,	48 00
Income of State school fund,	25 71
Amount available for 1888,	$16,602 84

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

M. C. Lamprey,	$1,500 00
Alice M. Merrill,	650 00
Jennie Barbour,	371 79
Harriet M. Stevens,	650 00
Louisa C. Young,	500 00
Mary J. Moore,	307 68
Mary E. Patterson,	500 00
Mary J. Reynolds,	390 00
Lizzie E. Morse,	650 00
Ella A. Wade,	240 00
Grace E. Ripley,	242 00
Julia A. Reardon,	390 00
Jessie Porter,	288 00
Amount carried forward,	$6,679 47

Amount brought forward,	$6,679 47
Frances Higginbottom,	154 00
Nella Fobes,	273 00
Josie F. Barton,	140 00
Helen L. Drake,	173 06
Clara L. King,	105 00
Janet Young,	380 00
Mary A. Birnie,	288 00
Mary E. Richards,	390 00
Lottie M. Heath,	390 00
John F. Scully,	638 49
Clara Hunt,	390 00
Myrtie A. Leonard,	225 00
Edith M. Keith,	351 00
Emma E. Fecto,	351 00
Miriam G. Dowden,	216 00
Mary A. Stone,	351 00
Sadie L. Waldron,	135 00
J. E. Shepardson,	585 00
	$12,315 02

FUEL.

E. R. Hayward, wood,	$164 50
W. C. Bates, cash for labor on wood,	5 25
F. F. Marshall, wood and labor,	12 74
O. B. Randall, wood,	12 00
E. P. Leonard, labor on wood,	2 50
John Ervin, labor on wood,	6 25
A. A. Gooch, wood,	7 50
D. W. Heath, wood,	9 70
W. P. Drew, wood,	2 00
Geo. J. Rollins, wood,	19 50
Amount carried forward,	$241 94

Amount brought forward,	$241 94
J. C. Goward, coal,	749 28
C. W. Smith, wood,	42 00
J. Stephen Wood, wood,	67 67
Bertie Wade, labor on wood,	2 25
John O. Dean, coal,	36 05
D. H. Collins, labor on wood,	75
M. Record, wood,	128 87
	$1,268 81

CARE AND CLEANING.

House No. 1,	$55 03
" " 2,	32 00
" " 3,	44 95
Union,	111 00
House No. 6,	27 75
" " 7,	498 89
" " 8,	27 50
" " 9,	29 25
" " 10,	34 25
	$860 62

SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES.

C. H. Whiting, business forms,	$5 00
Prang Educational Co., measures,	3 20
Geo. S. Perry, slates, paper, ink, pens, pencils, chalk, etc.,	433 97
W. C. Bates, cash paid for various supplies,	35 53
Howe's Express, express, carting, and freight paid,	40 63
Winkley, Dresser & Co., record books,	6 00
Amount carried forward,	$524 33

Amount brought forward,	$524 33
J. L. Hammett, pencils, toy money, blocks, slates, etc.,	62 06
Boston School Supply Co., rubber, blank books, erasers, sponge, etc.,	127 22
Harrison Hume, pens,	8 50
Harper & Brothers, spelling blanks,	3 60
Eastern Educational Bureau, charts,	4 00
Webster, Folger & Co., table,	10 60
F. G. Keith, cash for washing towels, etc.,	12 14
Barker & Pitcher, curtains for Nos. 1, 2, 8, and 10,	56 75
William Bense, printing and making diplomas,	22 65
Bristol Printing Co., programmes, attendance blanks, etc.,	21 00
A. C. Chandler, work on organs,	33 75
R. & J. Gilchrist, dusters, etc.,	8 80
North Easton Water Works, water rates,	15 00
Paul A. Garey, clay,	2 50
Walworth Manufacturing Co., fittings for laboratory,	9 50
Higgins, Snow & Co., covering paper,	3 28
Cyclostyle Co., paper and ink,	4 75
E. A. Gilmore, mats,	21 60
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture,	65 60
Middleton's Express, expressing,	3 80
S. M. Rennie, truant officer,	30 00
O. Ames & Sons, various supplies,	63 45
O. Ames & Sons Corporation, shovels, blacksmithing, etc.,	5 14
G. G. Withington & Co., mucilage,	55
	$1,120 57

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from all sources,		$16,602 84
Teachers' salaries,	$12,315 02	
Fuel,	1,268 81	
Care and cleaning,	860 62	
Supplies and sundries,	1,120 57	
		15,565 02
Unexpended balance,		$1,037 82

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

F. G. Keith, work at No. 7,	$10 13
W. C. Bates, cash for setting glass,	1 50
Nelson Tallman, general repairs,	32 52
David Wilson, concreting,	4 00
Cutler & Parker, sashes,	3 50
Dalton & Ingersoll, materials for out-buildings,	38 25
Oliver White & Co., wire netting,	3 65
Andrew Leatherbee, lumber,	18 82
W. A. Keith, painting,	15 05
White Brothers, concreting,	8 00
Geo. H. De Witt, repairs and materials furnished,	470 64
A. Mack, lumber,	9 65
J. D. Atwood, work on walls, ceilings, etc.,	96 37
Old Colony Railroad, freight,	3 78
C. F. Marshall, repairs at No. 7,	23 50
L. S. Drake, cash paid,	2 50
Boston Lightning Rod Co., repairing rods at No. 7,	24 00
	$765 86

The amount paid Geo. H. De Witt includes not only the work done on the two large out-buildings, to which reference has been made, but also work in putting a partition through the room in the northwest corner of the building at North Easton, and fitting up the laboratory.

SUMMARY OF REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Excess of expenditure of 1887,	$213 99
Repairs and improvements in 1888,	765 86
	$979 85
Appropriation,	400 00
Excess of expenditure,	$579 85

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Silver, Rogers & Co., Latin and Greek books, music readers,	$49 28
Clark & Maynard, histories,	6 14
Thompson, Brown & Co., book-keeping and blanks,	44 42
D. Appleton & Co., classics, histories,	87 98
Ginn & Co., Greek and Latin books, algebras, chemistries, readers,	107 64
Wm. Ware & Co., readers,	36 17
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., readers, arithmetics, natural history,	55 01
F. M. Ambrose, dictionaries, readers,	30 50
C. H. Whiting, histories,	10 00
Prang Educational Co., drawing books,	36 00
Harrison Hume, histories, spellers,	34 21
Educational Publishing Co., question books, language cards,	6 69
Boston School Supply Co., readers, book-keeping,	17 60
Little, Brown & Co., dictionary,	1 50
Willard Small, Greek books, arithmetics, reference books,	14 14
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., reference books, readers,	34 93
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, readers,	6 67
John Allyn, reference books,	4 00
D. C. Heath & Co., readers, arithmetics, language books,	51 21
Amount carried forward,	$634 09

Amount brought forward,	$634 09
Silver, Burdett & Co., music books,	41 25
A. P. Soule, geographies, French books, plant records,	51 22
A. C. Stockin, arithmetics, readers, geographies, writing-books,	100 50
James A. Hoyle, spellers,	4 00
N. E. Pub. Co., geographies,	18 00
A. M. Edwards & Co., language charts,	45 00
Holden Book Cover Co., book covers,	63 68
Lee & Shepard, reference books,	12 50
Carl Schoenhof, French grammars,	2 70
Walter H. Baker, selections,	4 85
James T. White, physiology charts,	105 00
	$1,082 79

SUMMARY OF TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Unexpended balance from 1887,	$141 01
Appropriation for 1888,	1,000 00
Amount available for 1888,	$1,141 01
Expended for text-books,	1,082 79
Unexpended balance,	$58 22
Estimated value of books at supply room, Jan. 1, 1889,	$400 00

STATEMENT OF EXPENSE OF WATER FOR SCHOOL BUILDING AT NORTH EASTON.

E. E. Kelley, piping the building,	$206 72
N. E. Water Works. laying pipe to building,	150 00
Amount carried forward,	$356 72

Amount brought forward,	$356 72
C. S. Burr, hose,	53 00
	$409 72
Appropriation,	250 00
Excess of expenditure,	$159 72

STATEMENT REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SCHOOL YARD AT NORTH EASTON.

Appropriation,	$400 00
Paid sundry persons for labor and material,	197 20
Unexpended balance,	$202 80

STATEMENT REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SCHOOL-HOUSE AT SOUTH EASTON.

Nelson Tallman, labor and materials,	$2,068 94
J. D. Atwood, labor and materials,	182 61
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture,	247 25
Geo. S. Perry, furniture,	21 23
E. B. Hayward, services,	48 36
E. R. Hayward, posts,	1 00
Insurance,	90
	$2,570 29
Appropriation,	2,500 00
Excess of expenditure,	$70 29

STATEMENT REGARDING GRADING THE SCHOOL YARD AND FILLING IN THE CELLAR OF THE SCHOOL-HOUSE AT SOUTH EASTON.

E. R. Hayward, labor and team work,	$433 50
A. B. Anderson, stone work,	120 22
D. Collins, sand,	51 25
Lucius Howard, labor,	91 30
	$696 27
Appropriation,	400 00
Excess of expenditure,	$296 27

STATISTICAL TABLE.

		Children between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1, 1888.	Whole number of Pupils each Term.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Over 15.	Under 5.
High School.	Winter .	–	59	58.12	52.39	90	39	–
	Spring .	–	57	53.62	48.86	91	–	–
	Fall . .	–	73	67.94	63.27	93	34	–
No. 1.	Winter .	–	60	53.95	47.98	89	–	–
	Spring .	66	58	51.44	46.54	90	3	–
Grammar.	Fall . .	–	30	27.78	26.4	95	3	–
Primary.	" . .	–	31	30.11	27.08	90	–	–
No. 2.	Winter .	–	39	32.84	28.19	86	2	–
	Spring .	43	40	31.9	29.41	92	3	–
	Fall . .	–	37	33.93	30.31	89	1	–
No. 3.	Winter .	–	24	24.	19.95	83	–	–
	Spring .	26	23	23.3	21.7	93	–	–
	Fall . .	–	18	17.44	16.	92	–	–
Union Gram.	Winter .	–	30	28.83	25.42	88	–	–
	Spring .	85	27	26.58	24.13	91	4	–
	Fall . .	–	28	27.	25.22	93	–	–
Union Prim.	Winter .	–	38	37.	30.69	83	–	–
	Spring .	–	43	41.33	39.14	95	1	–
	Fall . .	–	47	43.75	40.55	93	–	–
No. 6.	Winter .	–	22	19.	16.17	85	–	–
	Spring .	22	21	21.	19.87	95	–	–
	Fall . .	–	20	19.33	18.28	95	–	–
No. 7.	Winter .	–	394	366.77	326.21	89	12	–
	Spring .	441	401	375.79	341.69	91	14	–
	Fall . .	–	409	384.42	345.72	90	5	–
No. 8.	Winter .	–	26	25.33	23.6	93	–	–
	Spring .	43	33	30.42	28.45	95	–	–
	Fall . .	–	37	32.38	29.67	92	–	–
No. 9.	Winter .	–	24	23.23	21.87	94	–	–
	Spring .	32	27	25.	21.87	87	–	1
	Fall . .	–	33	28.73	25.9	90	4	–
No. 10.	Winter .	–	18	17.33	15.83	91	–	–
	Spring .	26	24	21.07	18.87	90	–	1
	Fall . .	–	21	14.43	13.23	92	–	1
Totals		784	800	743.94	674.76	91	68	3

TABLE FOR No. 7.

		Children between 5 and 15 yrs. of age, May 1, 1888.	Whole Number of Pupils each Term.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Over 15.
D Primary.	Winter term.		55	49.58	40.94	83	–
	Spring "		68	63.58	56.96	89	–
	Fall "		57	54.81	50.16	92	–
C Primary.	Winter "		53	50.42	41.79	83	–
	Spring "		67	58.17	52.42	90	–
	Fall "		52	51.	46.50	91	–
B Primary.	Winter "		53	52.	48.4	93	–
	Spring "		54	51.33	48.29	94	–
	Fall "		55	51.12	47.1	92	–
A Primary.	Winter "		50	48.33	44.14	91	–
	Spring "		52	49.5	45.39	92	–
	Fall "		55	53.06	50.08	94	–
E Grammar.	Winter "		59	47.28	42.25	89	–
	Spring "		48	46.58	42.02	90	–
	Fall "		58	54.74	44.89	82	–
D Grammar.	Winter "		46	44.41	40.08	90	–
	Spring "		42	41.	35.70	87	–
	Fall "		48	45.92	39.41	86	–
C Grammar.	Winter "		34	29.75	26.61	90	4
	Spring "		29	25.96	23.91	92	3
	Fall "		40	34.77	31.58	91	1
A and B Gram.	Winter "		45	45.	42.	93	8
	Spring "		41	39.67	37.	93	11
	Fall "		44	39.	36.	92	4
Totals		441	437	407.24	366.41	90	13

SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT, TARDY, NOR DISMISSED.

For Three Terms.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Minnie Carroll. Eddie Scanlon.
Warren Rice.

For Two Terms.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Thomas Beatty.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Maude L. Hayward. Lillian J. Soule.

UNION DISTRICT.

Adelbert Britton. Archie Snow.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Eva Williams.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Emma Lisgen. Maggie Carroll.
Charlie Savary. Mary Ahearn.
Michael Reardon. Frank Dows.
James Cunningham. Mary Riley.
Angie McDonald. Winifred Slattery.
Willie Kelley. Ella M. Packard.
Eddie Sweeney. Edward M. Carr.
Lizzie Dows. Joseph W. Dows.
Lena Murphy. Roscoe H. Dean.
Everett C. Staples. Eddie Staples.
Charles Todd. Hilden Hanson.
Fred Packard.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Abbie Seyser.

For One Term.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Randall Channing. Ralph H. Twitchell.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Lizzie M. Cook. Arthur G. Wilson.
Jennie Gifford. Roland H. Alger.
Harry H. Dodge. Edward E. Gifford.
Walter E. Jackson.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Chester L. Hayward.

UNION DISTRICT.

Henry C. Belcher. Hattie Drake.
Minnie S. Miles. John Belcher.
John Phelan. Annie Hamilton.
Jennie Phelan. Hattie Nye.
Carrie T. Drake. Wallace Grant.
Sarah Rollins.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Florence Williams. Lena F. Tallman.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Maggie Barrett. Willie Costello.
Lizzie E. Daley. Andrew Lawzon.
Cornelius Galvin. Carrie Lawzon.
Foster Dows. Frank Middleton.
Clinton Lothrop. Willie Dows.
Minnie Conley. Eddie Shaw.
Annie Quinn. Hannah Galvin.
Mary Slattery. Agnes Sweeney.

Maude Taber.
Mary Riordan.
Edith Smith.
Michael Harkins.
Harry DeWitt.
Frank Bradley.
Timothy Riordan.
Mary Ahern.
Mary Vaughn.
Willie McNamara.
John Mahoney.
Mary Cunningham.
Daniel Dailey.
Timothy Galvin.
Abbie A. Riordan.
Edward J. Cotter.
Charlie Keith.
Mary Lynch.
Dennis Desmond.
Rollin Mack.
Minnie Cahill.
James Kelley.
Kate Carroll.
Winslow Goward.
Maggie Travers.
Ethel Packard.
Michael Daley.
Harold Thayer.
Mary Kent.
Susie Schindler.
George W. Franklin.
Henry P. Thayer.
John A. Stevens.

District No. 8.

Roy Webster.
Augustus Canegaly.
Merton Taylor.
Gerald Webster.

District No. 9.

Bertie Wade.
Robbie Chapin.
Bertie Hewitt.
Mamie Leonard.
Charles Ripley.
Walter Crowell.

District No. 10.

Ernest Cleverly.
James Randall.
Adella Gooch.
Agnes Gooch.
Adelbert Gooch.
Elsie Tisdale.
Dennis Leary.
Walter Madan.

SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

For Three Terms.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Edith Fecto.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Aubrey Fobes.

For Two Terms.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Gertrude A. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Syretha M. Dailey.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Marian Goward. Charlie Keith.
Maud Tobee.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Gerald Webster.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Bessie S. Howard.

For One Term.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Ruth Mitchell. Clara Morse.
Lottie Mitchell.

DISTRICT No. 3.

C. Merton Howard. Hattie B. Heath.
Grace S. Dailey. Lena A. Soule.

District No. 6.

Arthur Tallman.
Harry C. Tallman.
Louis F. Tallman.
Walter A. Tallman.

District No. 7.

Annie Mahoney.
Frank Bell.
Charles Bell.
Flora Keith.
Connie Dailey.
Joe Clark.
John Mahoney.
Susie Randall.
Helen Brett.
Edward M. Carr.
Joseph W. Dows.
Hannah Barrett.
Nellie Dailey.
Kate Malloy.
Frank Bradley.
Maude Taber.
Charles Shaw.
Henry Thompson.

District No. 8.

Leola Brooks.
Abbie Seyser.
Gertrude Canegaly.
Jennie Taylor.
Nancie Webster.
Frank Gardner.
Gertrude Wells.

District No. 9.

Jennie Smith.
Mamie Herring.
Caley C. Lothrop.
Alice M. Dean.
Clifton Ripley.
Herbert Phillips.
Ernie Leonard.

District No. 10.

Edgar Madan.
Clifford Herring
Mary Herring.
Frank Herring.

Whole number 280
Between 8 and 14 78

NOT ABSENT, TARDY, OR DISMISSED FOR THE YEAR.

Minnie Carroll.
Eddie Scanlon.

NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR THE YEAR.

Edith Fecto.

NOT ABSENT, TARDY, OR DISMISSED FOR TWO TERMS.

Emma Lawzon.
Charlie Savary.
Michael Reardon.
James Cunningham.
Angie McDonald.
Willie Kelly.
Dwight Wheaton.
Nellie Kelly.
Eddie Sweeney.
Lizzie Dows.
Lena Murphy.
Maggie Carroll.
Mary Ahearn.
Frank Dows.
Mary Riley.
Winifred Slattery.

NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR TWO TERMS.

Charlie Keith.
Marion Goward.

NOT ABSENT, TARDY, OR DISMISSED FOR ONE TERM.

Mary Vaughn.
Willie McNamara.